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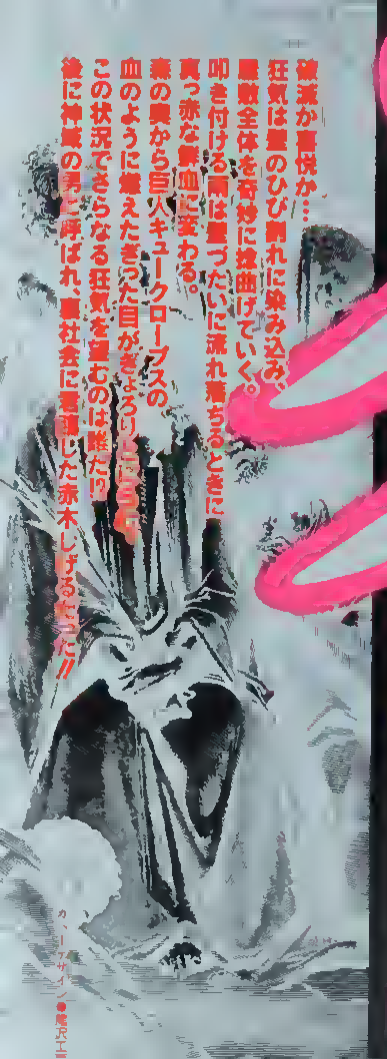

徳派が喜悦が…
狂気は星のひび割れに染み込み、
星数全体を奇妙に変曲げていく。
叩き付ける雨は星づたいに流れ落ちるときに
真っ赤な鮮血に変わる。
森の奥から巨人キュークロープスの
血のように赤えたぎった目がぎょろりとにらむ。
この状況でさらなる狂気を望むのは誰だ!?
後に神域の男と呼ばれ、裏社会に君臨した赤木しげるだ!!

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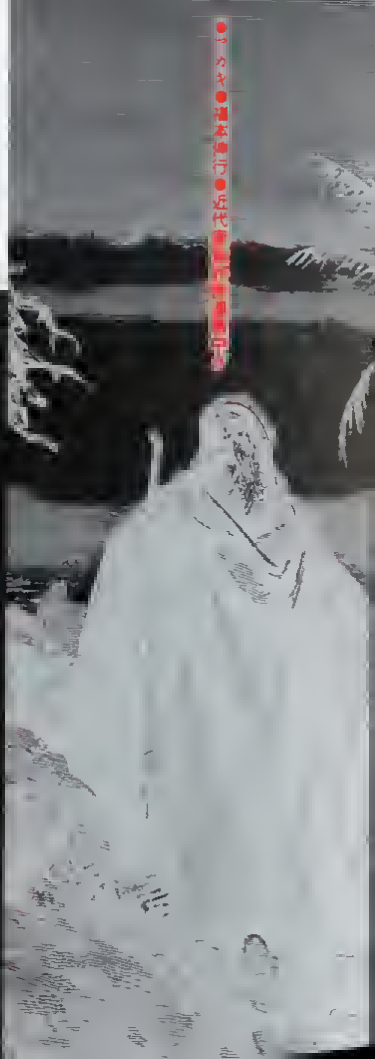

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あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負。鷲巣麻雀に挑む。4回戦までを終え、鷲巣の総資産の3分の2に当たる約3億円を奪った。だが、鷲巣のハネマンツモで、ついにアカギの致死量を超える。しかしアカギは死ななかった。勝負前に自らの血を輸血していたのだ!!

登場人物

鷲巣
権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ。

安岡
不良刑事・アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。

仰木
裏社会の若頭。鷲巣の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

鈴木
鷲巣の部下・5回の対局の鷲巣のアシスタント役。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート、1000点=100万円=血液100c.c.。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000c.c.は点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●カラス牌 1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い 半荘精算時以外にもアカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例 半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

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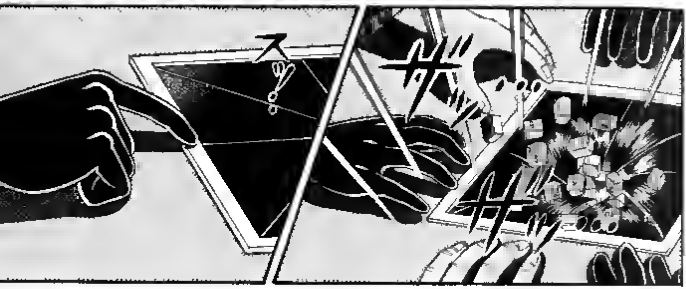

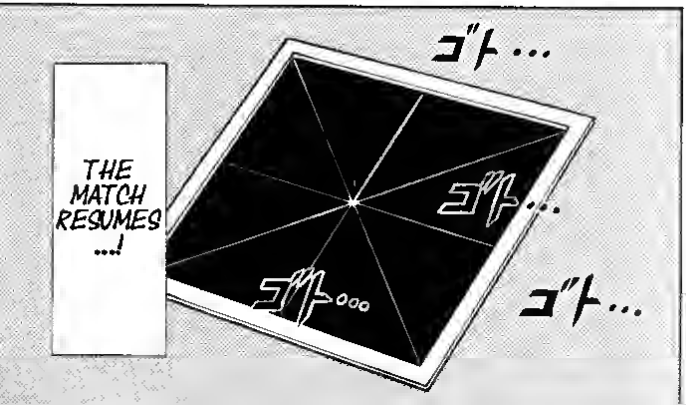
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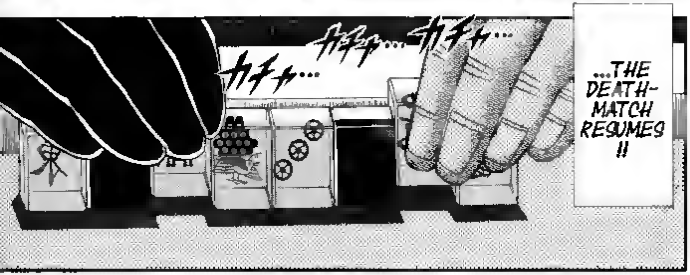
THE MATCH RESUMES …!
ゴト…
ゴト…
ゴト…

第126話死闘

CHAPTER 126-STRUGGLE

TRANSLATED BY SONICKRAZY
CLEANED BY BIGGUMS
TYPESETTING BY KAZUHIKO

THE MUTUAL BATTLE WHERE BOTH PLAYERS BET THEIR FORTUNES...
...THE DEATH STRUGGLE...
...IT PROCEEDS!
THE MATCH MOVES ON...


カチャ...カチャ...
カチャ...
...THE DEATH-MATCH RESUMES!!

5TH SESSION
...
SOUTH 1ST ROUND

THE DEALER IS YASUOKA.
.....
.....
DAMN HIM ...!

WHAT FREAKISH ENDURANCE...!!
THAT DEMON ...!!
...YOU SHOULD BY ALL MEANS BE A DEAD MAN!!!
RIGHT THIS MOMENT...
YOU SHOULD !!!
YOU SHOULD BE DEAD, NOW!!
YOU DEMON !!!!
GIVE ME A BREAK!!
THAT TRANSFUSION ...?!
WITH THAT OUTRAGEOUS TRICK...!!
AND YET ...
DAAA

DAMN HIM TO HELL!!!
DAMN HIM ...!!!
DAMN HIM ...!!
NONE OF YOU DO!!
YOU DON'T GET THIS AT ALL !!!
...AND EFFORT ...!
...WILL TAKE TREMENDOUS CLINGING...
SQUEEZING THAT LAST BIT OF BLOOD FROM THAT MONSTER...
FOR THAT DEMON, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ONE LAST PUSH!!

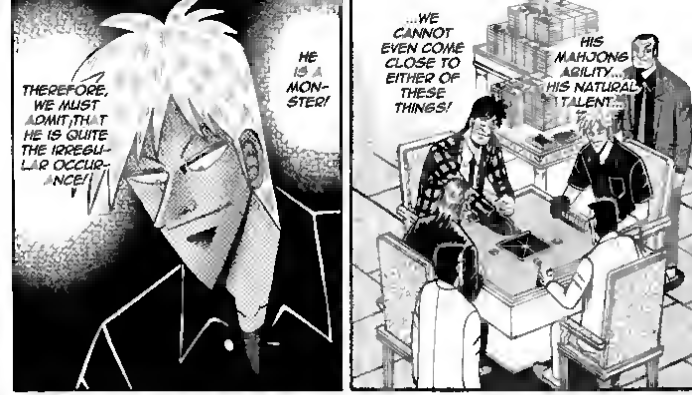
...NO.
.....

NONE OF YOU UNDER-STAND A THING!!!
NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE!!

...I DO, VERY MUCH!
I UNDER-STAND WHAT WASHIZU-SAMA SAID TO US!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND ...

WHAT WASHIZU-SAMA SAID IS ABSO-LUTELY CORRECT...
THAT MUCH IS EVI-DENT!
HE IS CER-TAINLY SOME SORT OF DEMON!

THIS IS CERTAINLY VERY BIZZARRE... AND THE MAN SIT-TING BEFORE US IS UNDENIABLY A GENIUS!


THEREFORE, WE MUST ADMIT THAT HE IS QUITE THE IRREGULAR OCCLUDANCE!
HE IS A MONSTER!
...WE CANNOT EVEN COME CLOSE TO EITHER OF THESE THINGS!
HIS MAHJONG ABILITY... HIS NATURAL TALENT...

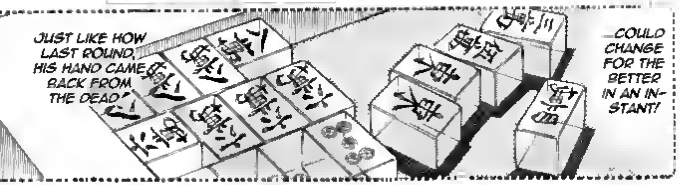
...GETTING A DIRECT HIT FROM HIM IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE!
OF COURSE, THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN TAKE HIS LIFE AWAY IN ONE SHOT
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS A MUCH MORE COMPETENT PLAYER!

...WITHOUT THAT, HE CAN'T PENETRATE HIS DEFENSE.
ALL HE CAN DO IS HOPE FOR TSUMO WINS...
EVEN WASHIZU-SAMA CAN'T FIGHT BACK AGAINST HIM...
THE WAY THINGS ARE

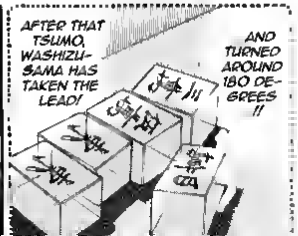
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THAT
BUT...
Washizu's Hand
...THE WAY THINGS ARE...
ISN'T THE TRUTH A BIT DIF-FERENT THAN THAT...?
RIGHT NOW...
RIGHT NOW
...IS THAT TRULY HOW IT IS...?
I HAVE TO SAY...

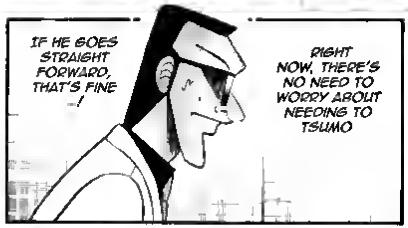
Washizu: 33,200 Points Remaining Funds: 283.7 Million Yen

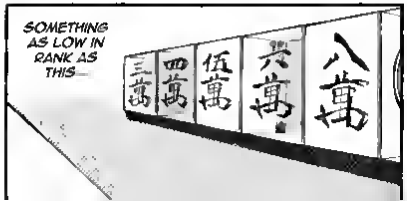
IN FACT, WASHIZU-SAMA HAS THE ADVANTAGE...!
THE ONE BEING PRESSURED HERE IS ACTUALLY AKAGI...!
Akagi: 22,300 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Funds: 316.3 Million Yen


JUST LIKE HOW LAST ROUND, HIS HAND CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD!
COULD CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN AN INSTANT!

HE HAS AN 11,000-POINT LEAD!!
IT'S 33,200 TO 22,300!


AFTER THAT TSUMO, WASHIZU-SAMA HAS TAKEN THE LEAD!
AND TURNED AROUND 180 DEGREES!!


IF HE GOES STRAIGHT FORWARD, THAT'S FINE!
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT NEEDING TO TSUMO


SOMETHING AS LOW IN RANK AS THIS...
三萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬
八萬

IT'S WASHIZU-SAMA'S GAME TO WIN!

AND THAT LEAD IS TRE-MENDOUS!

...THIS DIFFER-ENCE OF 11,000 POINTS ...
...IF IT WAS NORM_L MAHJONG WE WERE PL_YING...
WELL...

A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND REGULAR MAHJONG ...
THERE'S A MAJOR DIFFER-ENCE ...!
...IT'S GIGAN-TIC!
IN WASHIZU MAH-JONG...
HOW-EVER
...WOULDN'T REALLY BE MUCH OF A LEAD...

THAT IS...
FUNDAMENTALLY, IT IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO RUN AWAY.
IN WASHIZU MAHJONG
MAKING THIS 10,000 POINTS FAR MORE HEAVY!
MUCH MORE THAN IN NORMAL MAHJONG...
AND REST ASSURED THAT YOU WON'T BE OVERTAKEN IN WASHIZU MAHJONG!
THE ONE RUNNING AWAY IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO WIN THAN THE ONE PURSUING THEM!
YOU CAN TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT...
ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN A SOLID LEAD...
...WE HAVE AT SUCH A LARGE ADVANTAGE...
AND THE VERY REASON
...IS THE ADDITION OF THESE TRANSPARENT TILES!
三萬
四萬
五萬
六萬
八萬

IF WE CATCH THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF SOMETHING HAPPENING...
...TO WHETHER IT IS A LARGE- OR SMALL HAND...
LOOKING AT THE OPPONENT'S HAND, EVERYTHING FROM TENPAI...
THEY MAKE EVERYTHING OBVIOUS
HE'S PLAYED A NEAR-"PERFECT GAME"...
AKAGI SEEMS NOT TO HAVE ANY LIMITS...
...WE CAN SIMPLY HAVE SUZUKI DEAL INTO HIS HAND!
BUT EVEN SO...
THAT MUCH IS HUGE, TO BEGIN WITH...!
SINCE THE GAME BEGAN...!
...AVOIDING EVERY DIRECT HIT

IT IS A TEAM GAME!
...THIS BATTLE HAS A UNITED FRONT OF ATTACK!
IT WILL ADVANCE US TO THE NEXT ROUND, WHICH IS ALL WE NEED!
...AS LONG AS THE HAND IS CHEAP, WASHIZU CAN EVEN DEAL INTO SUZUKI'S HAND!
IN OTHER WORDS...
WITH TWO PEOPLE COOPERATING, THEY CAN DEAL INTO EACH OTHERS' HANDS!
WILL MAKE IT VERY HARD FOR HIM!
STARTING IN THIS SOUTH FIRST ROUND
CLOSING UP THE ROUND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE...
FINDING A PERFECT SOLUTION OUT OF THAT SUPPRESSION...
THAT'S RIGHT... THAT WILL WORK!

QUICKLY STOPPING HIM!
A GAME OF MAHJONG WHERE NOTHING HE CAN DO WILL BE ENOUGH!
A GAME WHERE HE CAN'T EVEN FORM A HAND...
WILL BE VERY HARD FOR HIM!

...ARE ONLY SLOW AND UNWORKABLE ONES...
IF THE HANDS HE DOES GET...
AND IF NOT...
...KAGI WON'T BE ABLE TO GET A HAND!
FOR JUST 4 MORE ROUNDS...

YES ...!
THAT WOULD BE WASHIZU-SAMA'S VICTORY!
...THEN WE CAN BRING THE GAME TO A CLOSE, JUST LIKE THAT!

NO TREMENDOUS CUNNING, NO GENIUS STRATEGY, NO MIRACLES ...!
RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT ...!
WITH JUST THAT, IT WILL BE FINE!
WE CAN JUST USE NORMAL PLAY AND A NORMAL FLOW
THAT'S RIGHT
JUST PLAYING NORMALLY

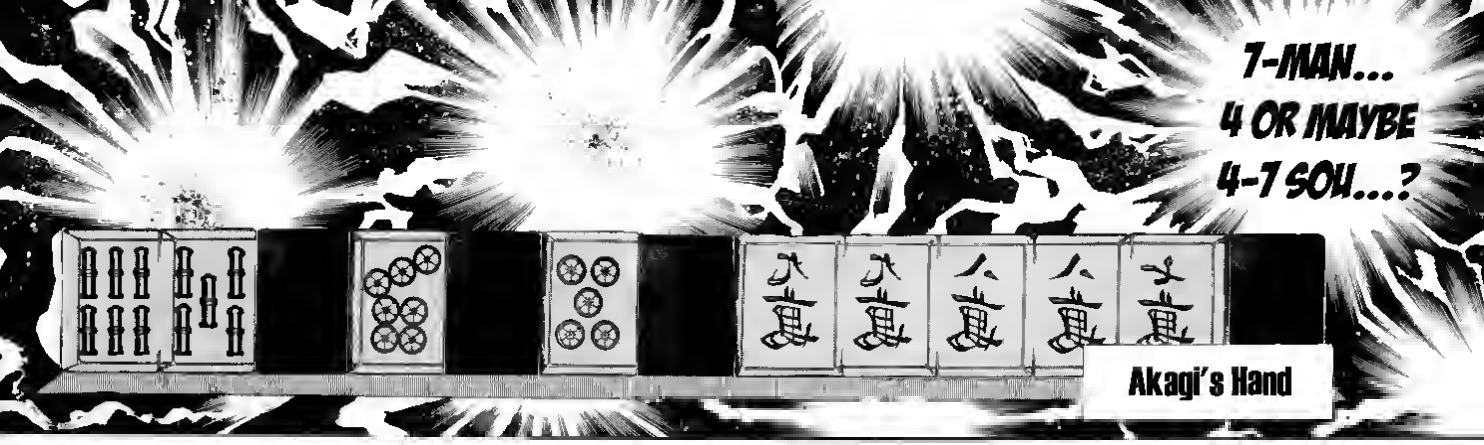
AND IN ALL LIKE-LYHOOD...
WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE REST JUST FINE!
BY JUST MAINTAIN-ING NOR-MALITY.
...WE CAN DEFEAT AKAGI!!

8th Turn

THE 7-PIN WENT IN...?
AND THEN, A 9-PIN FROM INSIDE HIS HAND
10th Turn
SEEMS LIKE HIS FLOW IS HEADING TOWARDS IT...
HE'S BUILDING UP HIS PINZU SECTION, NOW...?
TCH...!

THIS TIME, HE ACCEPTED THE 9-MAN!
URGH ...!

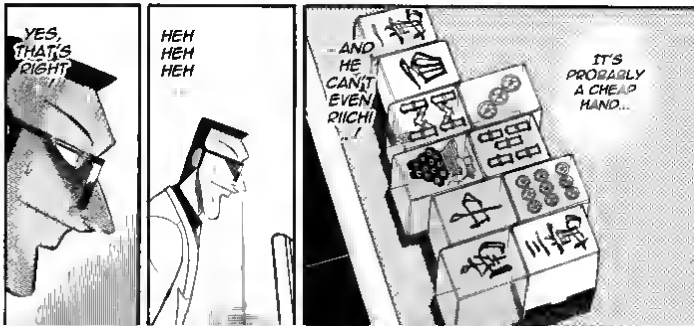
THERE IT IS...! HE'S DEALT THE 3-PIN...!
...THIS IS A BAD SIGN ...!
IT'S RAPIDLY CHANG-ING...
ざわ...!
...HE'S PROB-ABLY THERE... TENPAI...!
AND AS FOR HIS WAIT...
...THE 3- AND 9-PIN HAVE ALREADY OVER-FLOWED...
...AND HE'S DEALT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE PINZU SUIT...
THE CRITICAL 7-PIN AND 9-MAN JUST ENTERED HIS HAND...


7-MAN... 4 OR MAYBE 4-7 SOU...?
Akagi's Hand

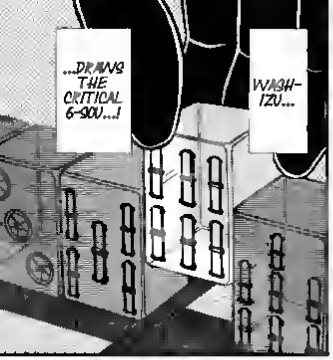
SO, THINKING ABOUT IT THAT WAY
THEN HE'LL BE DEAD, RIGHT AT THAT MOMENT!
IF HE HAS TO PAY 5200 STRAIGHT TO WASHIZU
ABOVE ALL ELSE, AKAGI WANTS TO AVOID A DIRECT HIT!

...AND THAT, IS WHEN HIS PARTNER IS ABOUT TO DEAL IN!
THERE IS ONLY ONE SITUATION WHERE HE COULD CONSIDER IT...
HEH HEH HEH
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN ALLOW HIMSELF TO RIICHI!

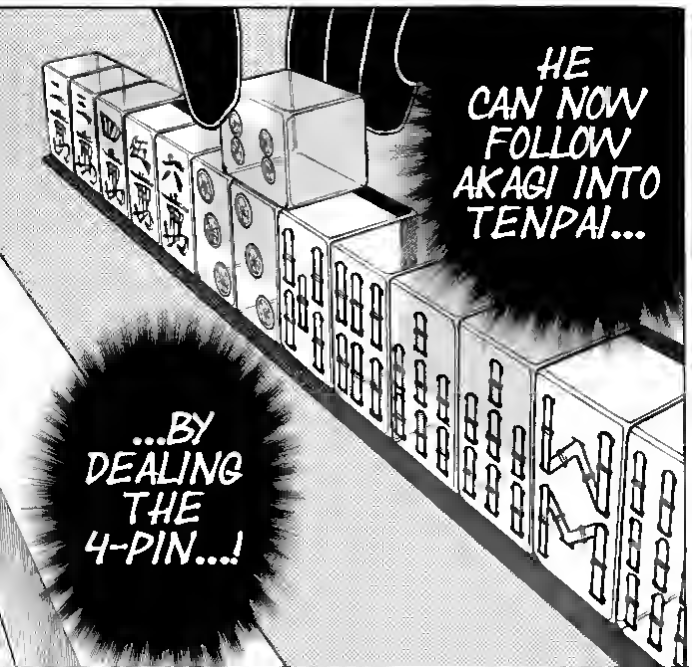
IT'S NOT VERY EXPENSIVE
BUT ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT
PERHAPS EVEN IN THE PINZU RANGE?


YES, THAT'S RIGHT
HEH HEH HEH
...AND HE CAN'T EVEN RIICHI...!
IT'S PROBABLY A CHEAP HAND...

YEAH ...!
THAT'S YET ANOTHER POINT WHERE WASHIZU HAS AN ADVANTAGE!
IF HE CAN JUST KEEP HIMSELF UNDER CONTROL
HE'LL DEFINITELY WIN ...!!
...HE'LL WIN...?


...DRAWS THE CRITICAL 6-SOU...!
WASH-IZU...

ON THE 11TH TURN ...
UR GH ...!


HE CAN NOW FOLLOW AKAGI INTO TENPAI...
...BY DEALING THE 4-PIN...!

GRGH ...!
BUT... THIS 4-PIN IS...!!
KR GH ...!!

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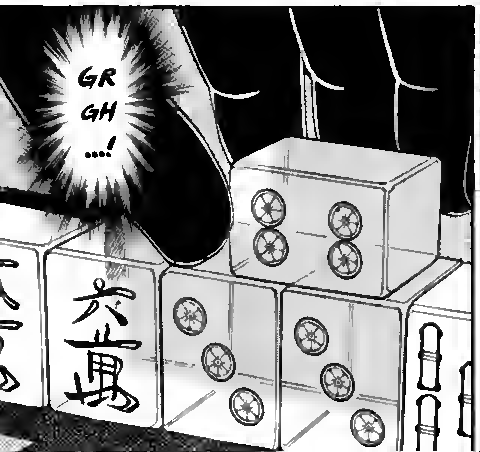

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ざわ…
Washizu: 33,200 Points
Remaining Funds: 203.7 Million Yen
Akagi: 22,300 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 316.3 Million Yen
...IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT IT WOULD PASS, BUT...
THANK-FULLY...
...IF YOU LOOK AT THE SHAPE OF AKAGI'S TENPAI...
MOST CER-TAIN-LY...
...RATHER THAN THIS 4-PIN...
SO FOR HIS WAIT...
AKAGI DOESN'T HAVE ANY DORA, SO IT'S A VERY CHEAP HAND!
...IF HE DOESN'T GO FOR IT, IT'S NO GOOD!
THIS 4-PIN ...

...THE 4 AND 7 SOU...
...AND AS FOR SOUZU ...
...THE 7-MAN FOR HIS MANZU STRING ...
...SEEM TO BE VERY LIKELY TO BE WHAT HE'S AFTER!
...THAT AREA WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, NOW...
...SO WITH THAT IN MIND ...
THE 3-PIN AND 9-PIN HAVE COME OUT FROM HIS HAND ...
WITH A SEQUENCE AND A PAIR... THIS KIND OF SHAPE!
... SEEMS MORE LIKELY TO BE COMPLETE!

...THEN WASHIZU-SAMA...
...IF THE 4-PIN HE JUST DREW GOES THROUGH...
AND MORE IMPOR-TANT-LY...
...WILL HAVE TENPAI FOR 1, 4, OR 7 MAN!
SUZUKI CAN IMME-DIATELY DEAL IN!
...SO IF HE CALLS RIICHI...
...HAS THE 1 AND 7 MAN SECURED IN HIS HAND...
PLUS, SUZUKI ...
RIICHI, PINFU, IPPATSU ...

...AND WITH THE 2 DORA, THAT MAKES MANGAN!
...8000 TO 12000 POINTS!
WHICH MEANS ...
WITH ANY URA-DORA, IT CAN EVEN GO UP TO HANEMAN!
THAT MUCH IN MIND.
WITH THE 11,000-POINT DIFFERENCE HE HAS RIGHT NOW OVER AKAGI...
HE'LL BE ABLE TO WIDEN THAT GAP EVEN FURTHER..!
TO EITHER 19,000 OR 23,000 POINTS!
THAT'S HUGE ...!
AND ALL HE NEEDS IS THIS HAND!
THAT'S THE NUMBER OF POINTS HE CAN SECURE HIMSELF WITH!

EVEN FOR A MAN LIKE AKAGI!
...WOULD MAKE FOR A VERY STRONG DEFENSE!
...AND HAVING THAT 20,000-POINT LEAD OVER AKABI...
PLUS, IT WOULD TAKE HIM TO THE SOUTH 2ND ROUND...
THERE WOULD BE NO EASY WAY TO MAKE A COMEBACK WITH A POINT DIFFERENCE LIKE THAT...!
...WE CAN EASILY MAKE A RUN FOR IT!
二萬
三萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬
...WE MUST GO FOR-WARD!
AND THAT'S WHY...
RIGHT NOW, IF WE CAN GRASP THIS 20,000-POINT LEAD
WE CAN RUN AWAY!

...WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH FORCE!
AS LONG AS WE STAY IN TENPAI ...
三萬
二萬
一萬
YOU CAN'T TRY AND GO AROUND IT, NOW...!
UR GH ...!
YOU'VE GOT TO PUT THAT BACK...! YOU HAVE TO!!
... THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN WIN!!!
IF YOU AVOID THAT BIT OF RISK, NOW...

AH HH!
THAT'S RIGHT! JUST AS I'D EXPECT, WASHIZU-SAMA!!
GO FOR IT!!
IF IT GOES THRO-UGH...
... CALL RIICHI !!

RIICHI!
ざわ
NOW HOW WAS THAT ...?!
IF HE DOESN'T SAY ANY-THING, IT'S ALL OURS...!
8000 TO 12000 POINTS ...!!

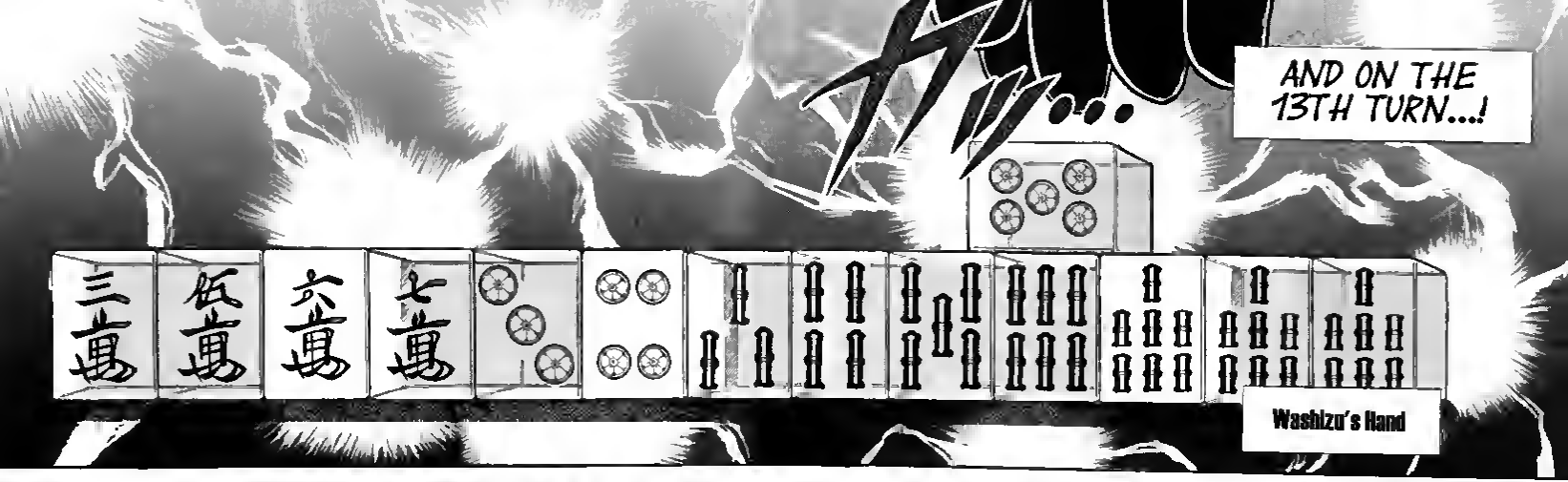
...NO.
KGH ...
ONLY II PEI KOU... 1300 POINTS
RON!
HE MANAGED TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHAT WOULD COME OUT... CERTAINLY
...BUT THAT'S FINE, HERE!
HE JUST DEALT IN...
GRGH ...!
...AND WAS ABLE TO WIN ...WITH THAT CHEAPER HAND

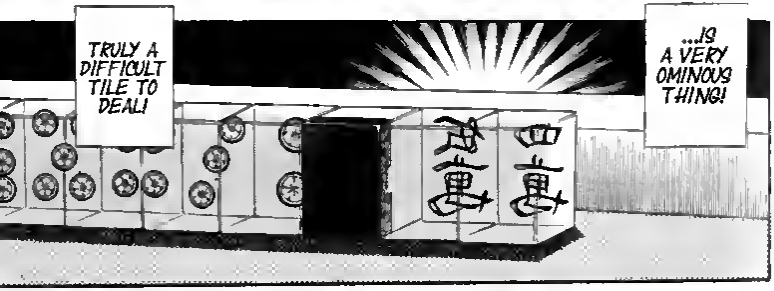
THE H. NO HE USED, JUST NOW...
チャラ
BUT WHERE WE ARE, THAT MUCH IS FINE!
...IS QUITE AN IRREGULAR DECISION!
...THIS ISN'T A TREND THAT WILL ENDURE!
HE ONLY SLAPPED TOGETHER A QUICK, CHEAP HAND
A FALSE THREAT!
...TO AIM FOR WASHIZU-SAMA'S UNNEEDED TILE!
HE FORCE-FULLY TOOK HIS HAND ALONG THE ROUTE TO A CHEAPER HAND
AKAGI'S CURRENT FLOW IS VERY BAD!
IT'S BAD!
...ALL HE GETS, IN THE END, IS THIS 1300 POINTS, FOR JUST THIS ONE ROUND!
FOR ALL HIS EFFORT AND CUN-NING...

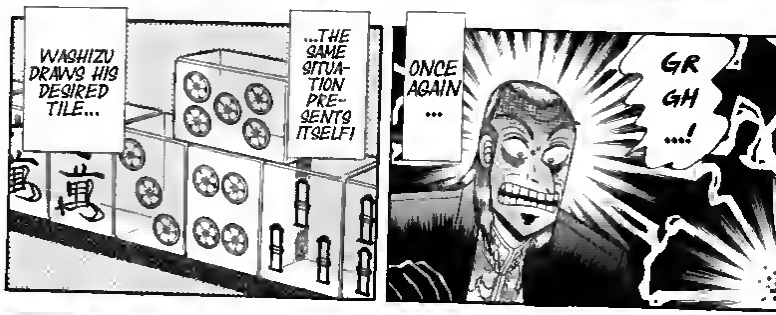
...HAS A MUCH BETTER FLOW THAT HE DOES!
...WASHIZU-SAMA ...
WHEN IT COMES TO COMPLETING HANDS, NOW...
...IT WAS A HAND THAT WAS DEFINITELY GOING TO WIN!
HIS FINAL WAIT WAS VERY PROBABLE...
...AND EVEN SECURING SOME DORA AS WELL...
...WASHIZU-SAMA HAS SEIZED THE FLOW OF THE GAME!
THANKS TO THAT HANEMAN TSUMO IN THE EAST 4TH ROUND...
...IS UNDENIABLY BLOWING IN WASHIZU-SAMA'S FAVOR!
RIGHT NOW, THE WIND ...
EVEN NOW, HE'S STILL NOT BAD OFF!
GETTING INTO TENPAI IS NO PROBLEM, NOW!
EVERYTHING'S GOOD ....!

SO THEY WILL COME!
JUST NOW, HE WAS ABLE TO GET TO TENPAI WITH EASE!
HE HASN'T LOST HIS ABILITY TO GET INTO TENPAI!
FAVOR-ABLE HANDS WILL COME WASHIZU-SAMA'S WAY!
EVEN NOW...
THE ONE STRUGGL-ING IS CLEARLY AKAGI!
NEVER THE-LESS...

...AKAGI HAS DRAWN EVER CLOSER TO CATCHING UP WITH WASHIZU!
WITH THIS 1300-POINT DIRECT HIT...
...TO 8300!
BUT WITH THIS, THE DIFFERENCE HAS BEEN LOWERED BY 2600 (1300 X 2) ...
THE POINT DIFFERENCE WAS 10,900 JUST MOMENTS AGO...
...THIS 8300-POINT DIFFERENCE!
...AN INDICATION OF THE WIND STARTING TO REVERSE DIRECTION...
LOOKING AT IT FROM WASHIZU'S PERSPECTIVE...
AKAGI IS NOW 8300 POINTS FROM HIS OPPONENT!
...TO THE SOUTH 2ND ROUND!
WITH THIS, THEY MOVE ON...


AND ON THE 13TH TURN...!
Washizu's Hand


TRULY A DIFFICULT TILE TO DEAL!
...IS A VERY OMINOUS THING!


WASHIZU DRAWS HIS DESIRED TILE...
...THE SAME SITUATION PRESENTS ITSELF!
ONCE AGAIN...
GR GH ...!

THIS IS LIKE SOME KIND OF MAGIC
IT'S THE SAME THING!
KEH ...!

...LOOKING AT AKAGI'S HAND...
...AND YET FOR THE TILE THAT HE MUST BE RID OF TO GET INTO TENPAI...

THEN SUZUKI CAN DEAL INTO IT IMMEDIATELY AFTER...
IF THE 3-MAN PASSES, NOW...
IN THAT WAY, IT IS THE SAME AS THE ROUND BEFORE!
Suzuki's Hand
...THE SAME DECISION!
THE EXACT SAME SITUATION ...
IT'S HARD TO DEAL IT...
ざわ...
...THIS 3-MAN IS A DANGEROUS TILE...!
...EVEN MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND
...BUT STILL ...
LOOKING AT THE STRUCTURE OF THAT HAND...
MORE THAN THAT

Akagi's Hand
WE CAN STILL FORCE OUR WAY FORWARD FOR ANOTHER ROUND!
...ALL THINGS CONSIDERED NOW...
WE HAVE ANOTHER ROUND!
...THIS HAND IS IPPATSU CHICHI, TANYAO, PINFU, WITH 1 DORA...
EITHER WAY, IF THAT TILE PASSES NOW...
ON THE OTHER HAND
TAKING THIS GAMBLE IS QUITE WORTHWHILE!
A POTENTIAL MANGAN!
JUST THIS ONE TIME
AND SO...
THAT'S UNDEASONABLE FOR EVERY SINGLE ROUND!
HIS HAND WOULD BE UNUSEABL IF HE WERE TO GUESS WRONG, SO ...
...BEING ABLE TO PREDICT WHAT TILE WILL OVERFLOW...
EVEN FOR SOMEONE LIKE AKAGI...
...AND PULL TOGETHER A WAIT FOR IT EVERY ROUND IS UNIMAGINABLE!

WASHIZU-SAMA...!!
...YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG...!
WASHIZU'S CONCLUSION...
HOWEVER...
HUH...?
HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A SINGLE WAIT FOR THAT TILE...!
...THAT OMINOUS 3-MAN...!
THAT HE COULD NOT DEAL THAT DANGEROUS TILE...
...WAS THAT HE MUST PICK A SAFE TILE AGAINST AKAGI... THE 6-SOU HE HAD PLAYED!
...BUT IT WOULD STILL PUT HIM IN TENPAI.
...AND SUZUKI WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DEAL IN...
...HIS HAND WOULD LOSE PINFU AND BECOME MORE CHEAP...
OF COURSE, WITH A 3-MAN SINGLE WAIT...

HE WOULD BET THAT THINGS WOULD WORK OUT LATER...!
A STRATEGY RETREATING INTO SAFETY. WHILE NOT QUITE GIVING UP ON EVERYTHING AT ONCE...!
BUT THIS COMPROMISING SOLUTION TO DANGER WAS QUICKLY OVERTURNED!
HAH ...?
AND THE ONE WHO DID SO WAS YASUOKA!
CHUN. 2 DORA. 5200 POINTS!
UR GH ...!

YASUOKA COULD ALSO AIM TO STEAL FROM WASHIZU!
WHA ...?
AKAGI WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE HE HAD TO LOOK OUT FOR!
AR GH ...!
AN ATTACK FROM THE SHADOWS!
Yasuoka's Hand
THE OPAQUE 8-PIN ...?
... AKAGI CAN'T HAVE AN IT SUU ...!
SO, THEN ...
HMM HM HM ...

GAH ....!!
NOTEN ...?!
KGH ....!
HMM HM HM ...
IT WAS TRUE ...
... AKAGI'S FLOW WAS NOT GOOD!

HOW-EVER ...
IN THIS ROUND, HE COULD NOT EVEN FORM A TENPAI!
EVEN WITH AKAGI'S SLOW, DIFFICULT FLOW...
...HE WAS STILL DRAWING EVER CLOSER IT WASHIZU'S LEAD!
THE ONE BEING PUSHED BACK ...
...WAS UN-DOUBTEDLY WASHIZU!
HE WAS ABLE TO PRESSURE HIM!
HE WAS BEING FORCED BACK-WARDS!

CHAPTER 128-CONFINEMENT

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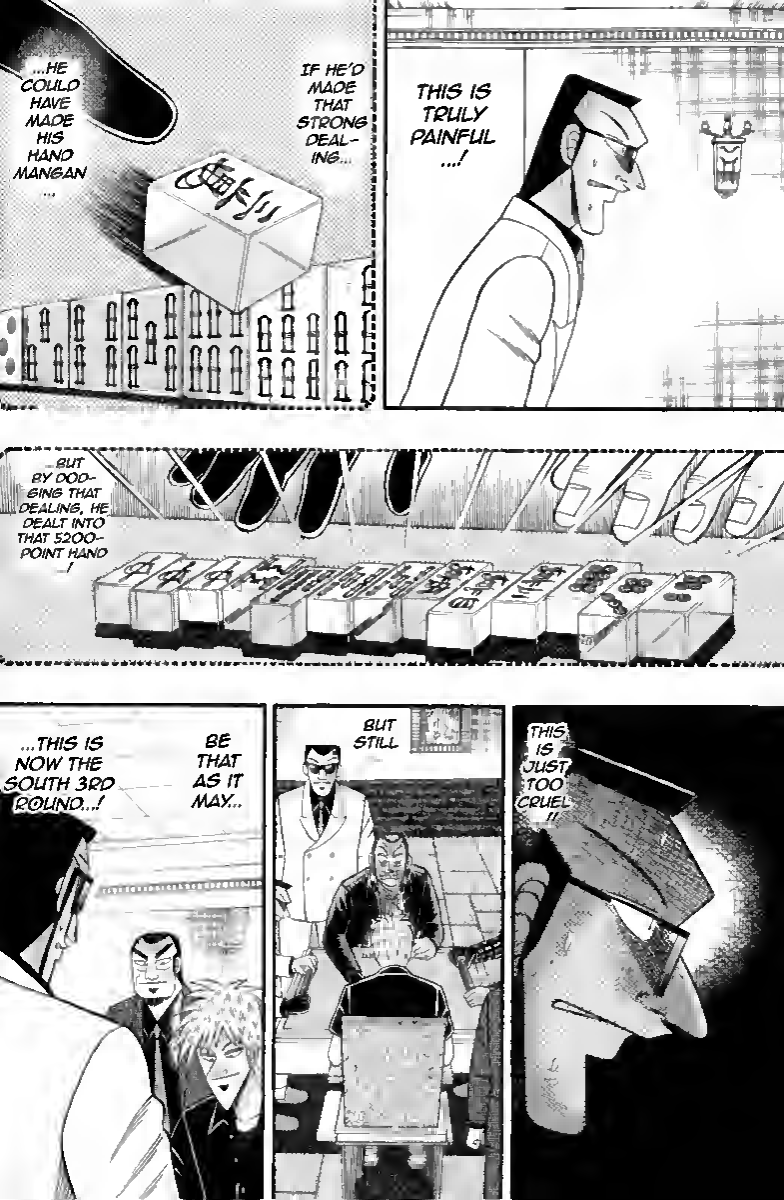
GG GG HH ...!

WASHIZU HAS DEALT INTO YAGUOKA'S HAND...!
THE SOUTH 2ND ROUND
KEH!

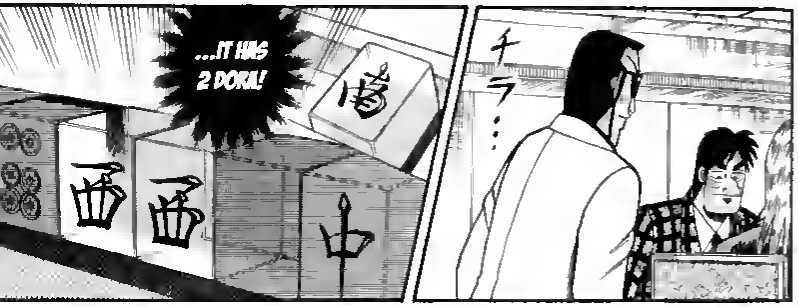
AND WITH THIS 5200-POINT LOSS...
ドッ
バラ...

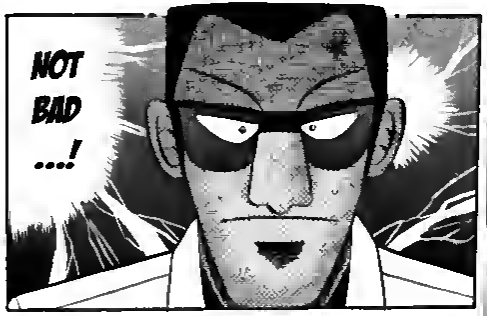
...
THE POINT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AKAGI AND WASHIZU NOW...
Washizu: 26,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 212.4 Million Yen
Akagi: 23,600 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.8 Million Yen
PAIN-FUL...!
.....
IT HAS BECOME A POINT DIFFERENCE THAT COULD OVER-TURN IF WASHIZU IS IN NOTEN WHEN THE GAME COMES TO A DRAW!
...HAS DROPPED TO A MERE 3100 POINTS!
26700
23600

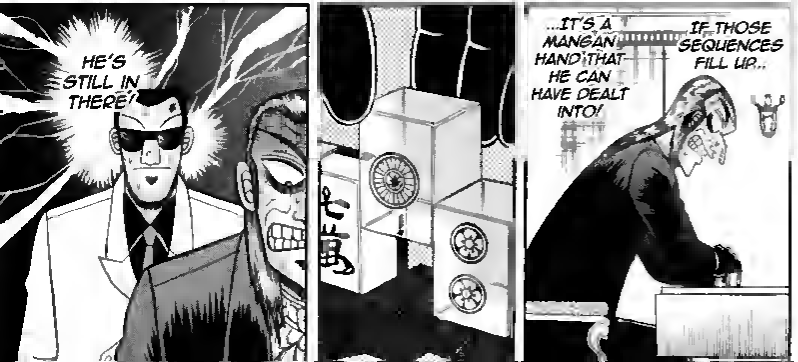

...HE COULD HAVE MADE HIS HAND MANGAN ...
IF HE'D MADE THAT STRONG DEALING...
THIS IS TRULY PAINFUL ...!
...BUT BY DOOING THAT DEALING, HE DEALT INTO THAT 5200-POINT HAND !
...THIS IS NOW THE SOUTH 3RD ROUND...!
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
BUT STILL
THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL !!

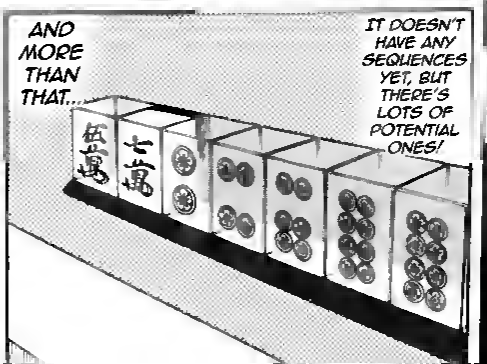
...STILL HAS A LEAD!
WASHIZU SAMA...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
AND RIGHT UP AT THE END, NOW...
THERE ARE ONLY 2 ROUNDS LEFT AFTER THIS...!
HE HAS A LEAD OVER AKAGI!
カチャ...
AND THAT'S WHY...
HE'S STILL WINNING!
...WE CAN'T GIVE UP, YET! THERE IS STILL A PATH TO VICTORY!

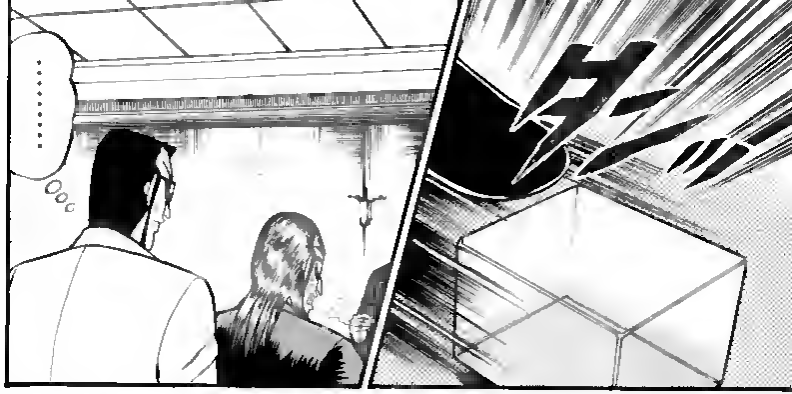
WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND...!


...IT HAS 2 DORA!
チラ…


NOT BAD ...!


HE'S STILL IN THERE!
...IT'S A MANGAN HAND THAT HE CAN HAVE DEALT INTO!
IF THOSE SEQUENCES FILL UP..


AND MORE THAN THAT...
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY SEQUENCES YET, BUT THERE'S LOTS OF POTENTIAL ONES!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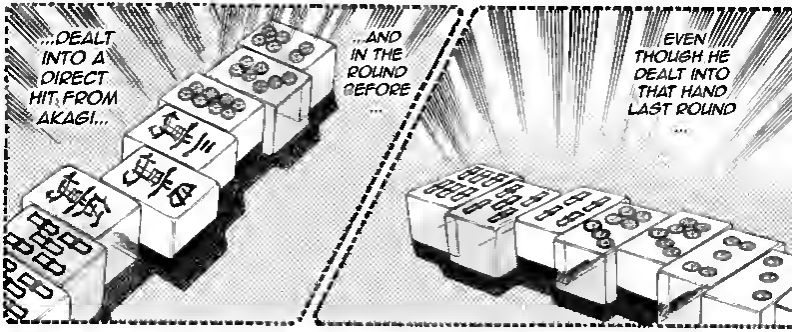
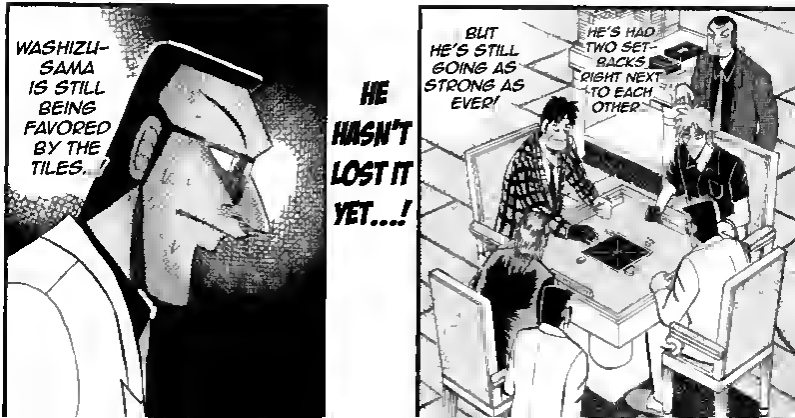
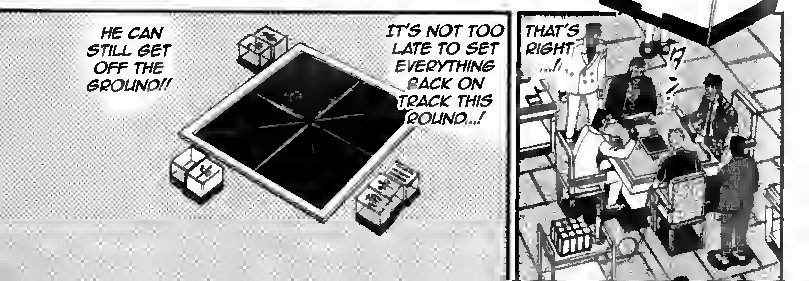

...DEALT INTO A DIRECT HIT FROM AKAGI...
...AND IN THE ROUND BEFORE ...
EVEN THOUGH HE DEALT INTO THAT HAND LAST ROUND ...

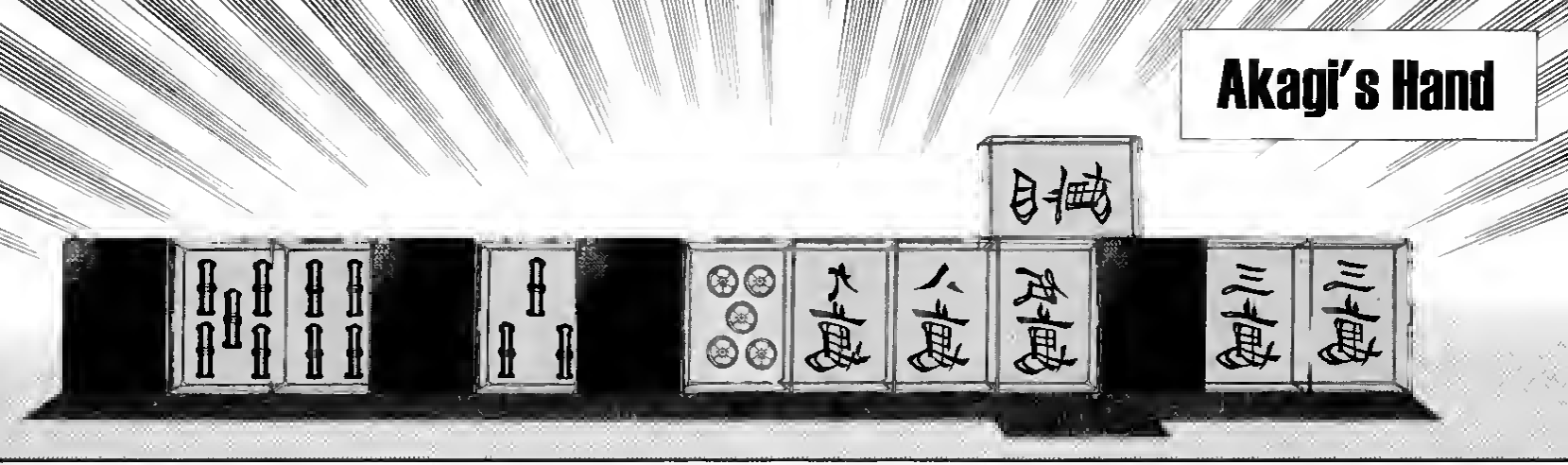

WASHIZU-SAMA IS STILL BEING FAVORED BY THE TILES...!
HE HASN'T LOST IT YET...!
BUT HE'S STILL GOING AS STRONG AS EVER!
HE'S HAD TWO SET-BACKS RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER

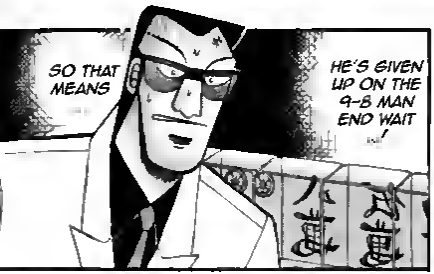
HE CAN RUSH FOR-WARD!
HE CAN STILL RUSH FOR-WARD!

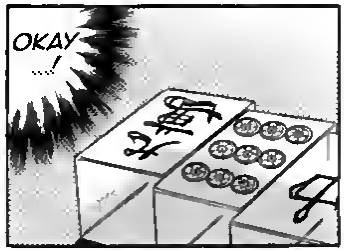

HE CAN STILL GET OFF THE GROUND!!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SET EVERYTHING BACK ON TRACK THIS ROUND...!
THAT'S RIGHT...!

...THEN HE CAN REGAIN HIS BALANCE!!
ALL HE NEEDS IS TO MAKE IT PAST THAT ONE RISKY DISCARD! IF HE CAN DO THAT...
HE HAS TO START THE CHAIN GOING!
BUT THE PROBLEM IS IN GETTING THAT STARTED...
HE'LL BE ABLE TO START OVER AGAIN!
...CAN BE BROUGHT DOWN!
...THEN EVEN WASHIZU SAMA'S DIVINE LUCK...
IF HE MAKES THE WRONG MOVES 3 STRAIGHT TIMES...
...THREE ROUNDS IS TOO MUCH...!
BUT...
HE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME MORE WINS!!

IT WOULD BE A FATAL WOUND!!
GRGH ...!
IT'S NOT GETTING ANY-WHERE ...!
TCH ...
...IT ISN'T VERY FAST, EITHER!
MUCH LESS SO, IN FACT!
...OF KAGI'S HAND, OVER THERE...
BUT FROM THE GENERAL LOOK...

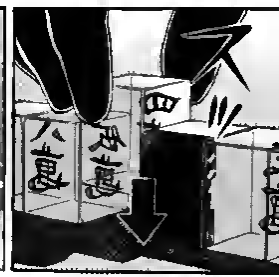

Akagi's Hand

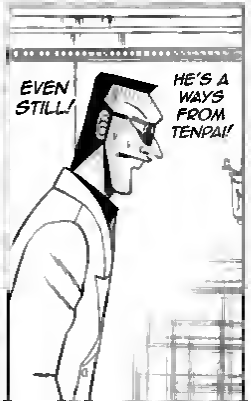

SO THAT MEANS
HE'S GIVEN UP ON THE 4-8 MAN END WAIT!


OKAY...!

THAT 4-MAN...
HE'S ACCEPTING IT...!!

KEH...!

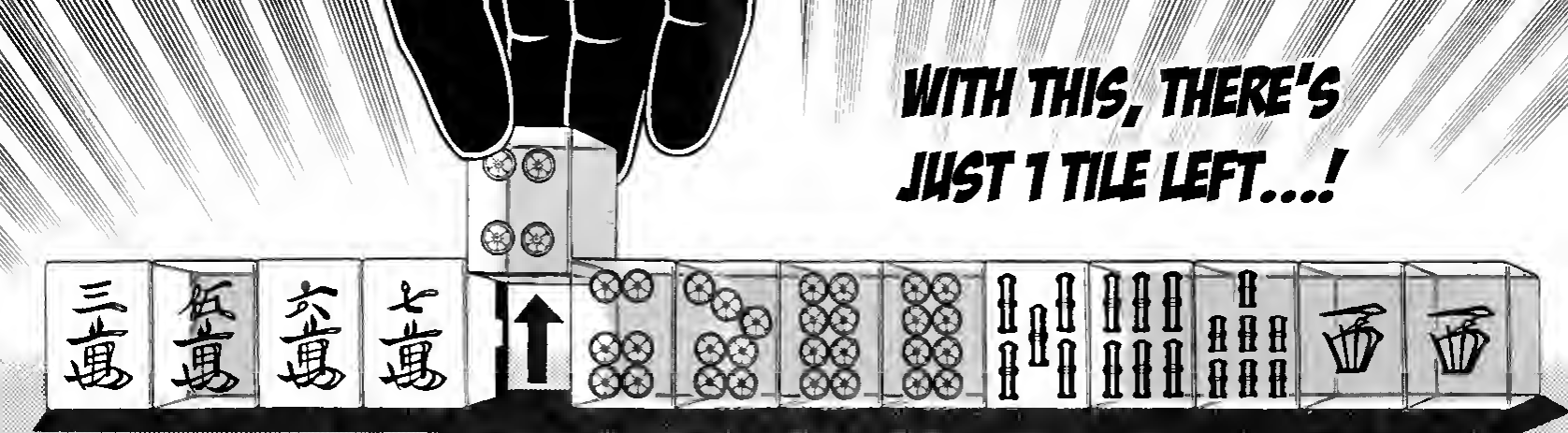


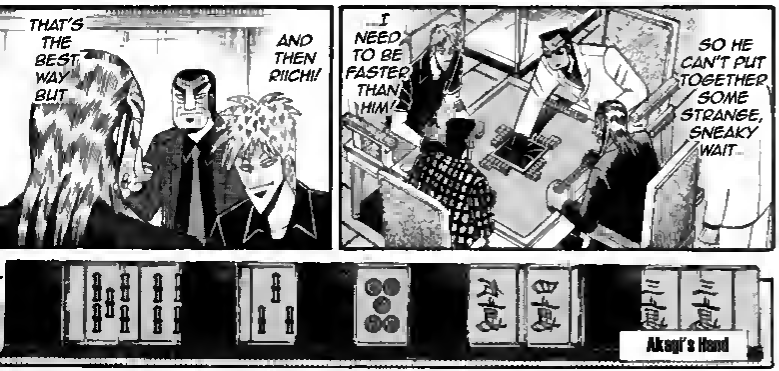

EVEN STILL!
HE'S A WAYS FROM TENPAI!

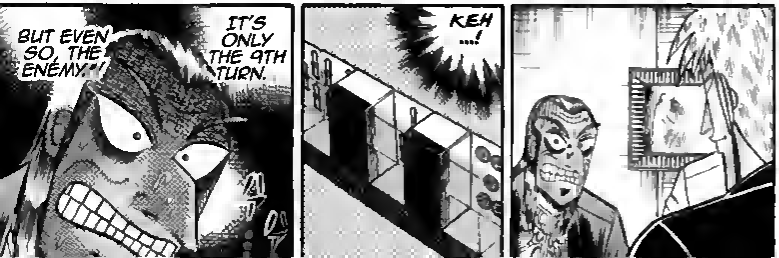
WHAT'S HE GOING TO CUT...?
SO, THEN...

GOOD ...!
Washizu's Hand
I'M GOING TO GET THERE ...!
NO MATTER WHAT ...
IF I CAN GET TO TENPAI BEFORE HE DOES...
...AND TAKE THAT HAND TO A WIN...
...THAT MEANS ...
THAT THE MATCH IS MINE!

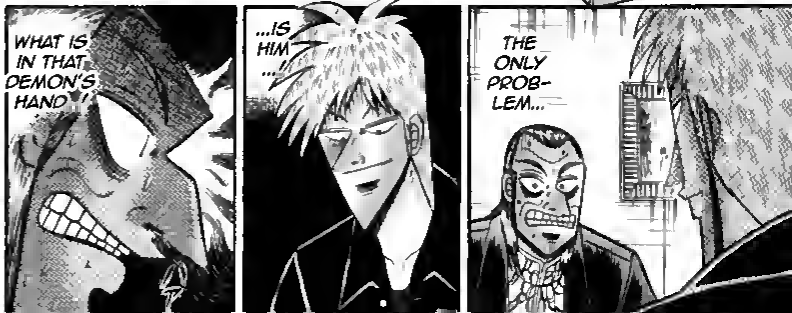
WHILE YOU'RE SLITHERING AROUND GETTING RID OF... END WAITS AND THE LIKE...
JUST WATCH...!
8th Turn
I WILL MAKE IT THERE!
I WILL MAKE IT!!
VERY GOOD...!


WITH THIS, THERE'S JUST 1 TILE LEFT...!

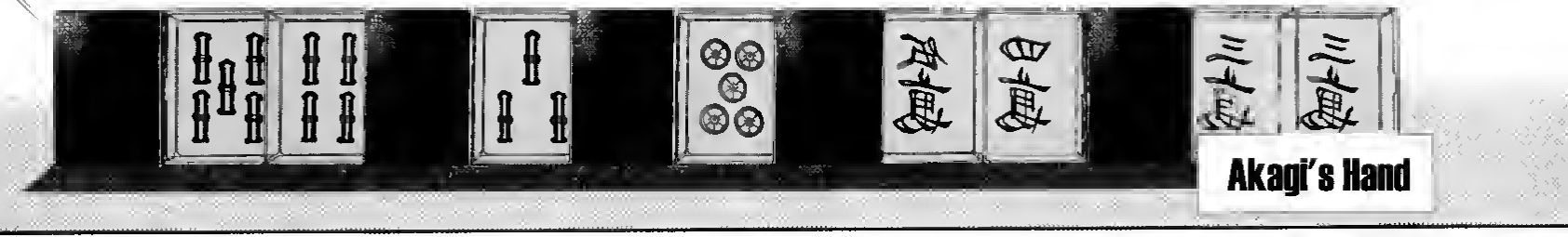

THAT'S THE BEST WAY BUT
AND THEN RIICHI!
I NEED TO BE FASTER THAN HIM!
SO HE CAN'T PUT TOGETHER SOME STRANGE, SNEAKY WAIT...
Akagi's Hand


BUT EVEN SO, THE ENEMY...!
IT'S ONLY THE 9TH TURN.
KEH ...!

I'M GET-TING THERE, FIRST...!!
MY PATIENCE HAS PAID OFF!
I'M IN II SHAN TEN!


WHAT IS IN THAT DEMON'S HAND...!
...IS HIM ...!
THE ONLY PROB-LEM...

...IS HE AT THE SAME POINT THAT I AM...?!



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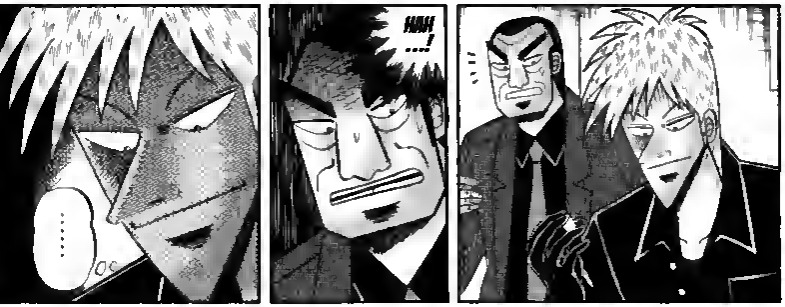
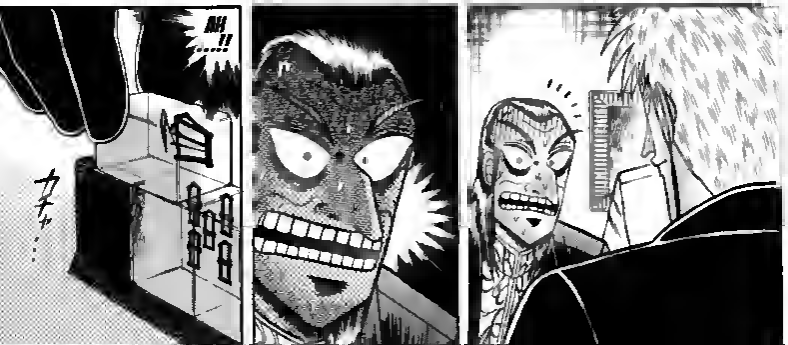
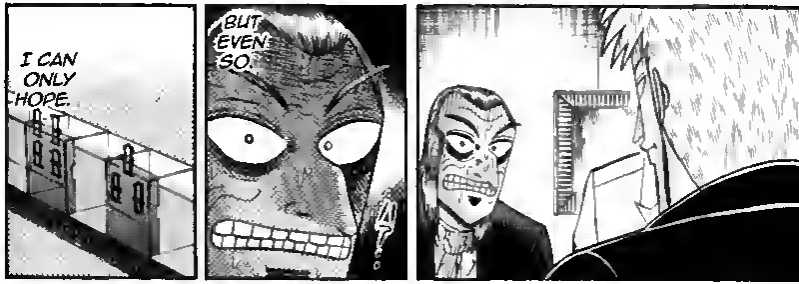
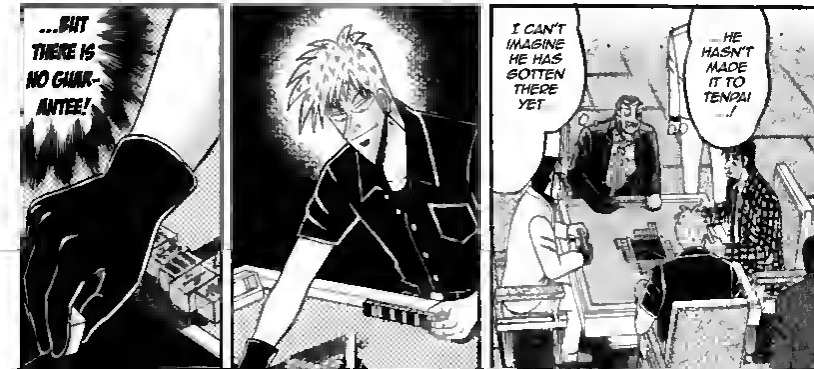


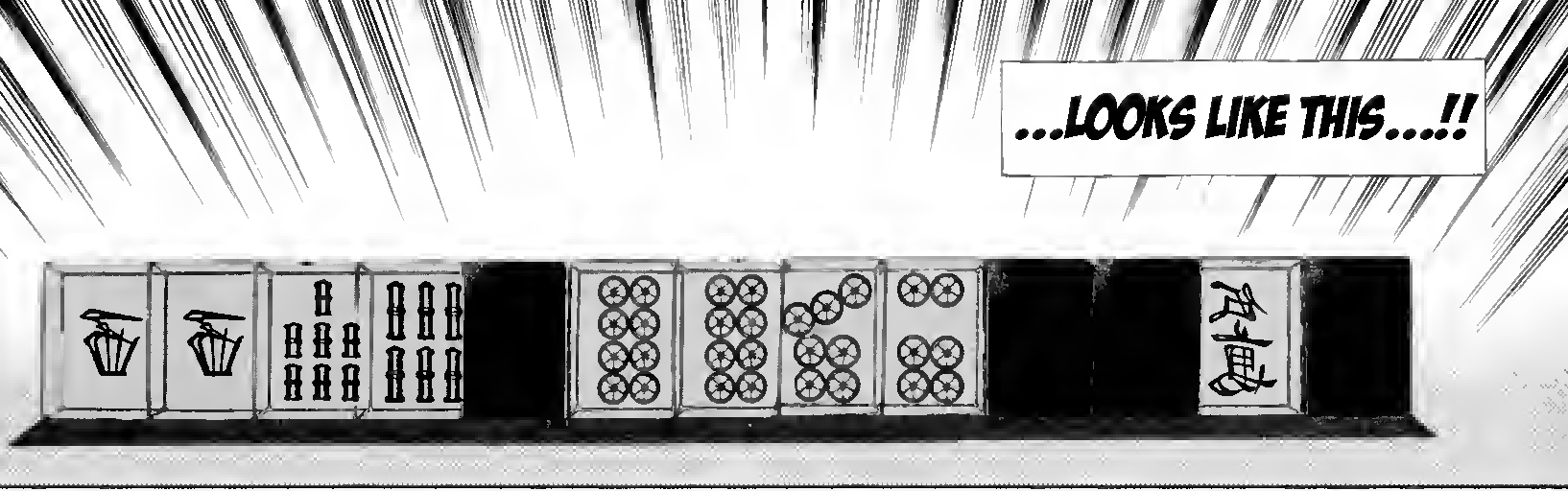


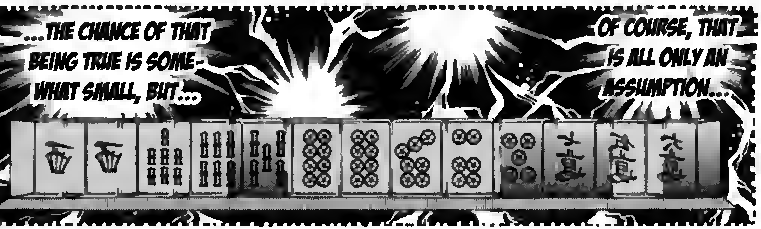


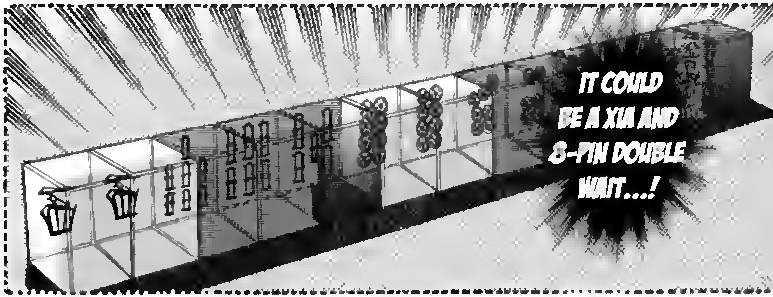


OH-
HOOO
OHHH
!!
THANK
HEAVENS
...!!

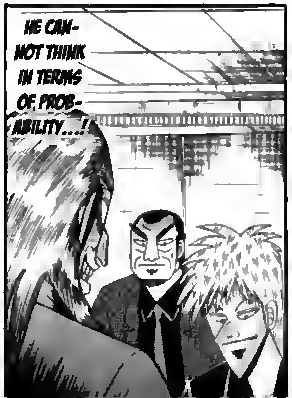
EVEN IF IT IS AKAGI...
...AND EVEN IF HE IS A DEMON...
...HAS FINALLY DRAWN SOME-THING TRULY UGLY ...!
THAT GHOUL ...
YES... HE CANNOT EASILY DISCARD THAT TILE HE HAS JUST DRAWN!
...HE STILL CAN'T DEAL THAT DORA, XIA...!
...FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, MY HAND...
AND THAT IS BECAUSE...


...LOOKS LIKE THIS...!!


...THE CHANCE OF THAT BEING TRUE IS SOMEWHAT SMALL, BUT...
OF COURSE, THAT IS ALL ONLY AN ASSUMPTION...


IT COULD BE A XIA AND 8-PIN DOUBLE WAIT...!

HE SIMPLY CANNOT DEAL THAT TILE FOR ONE VERY GOOD REASON...!


HE CANNOT THINK IN TERMS OF PROBABILITY...!

...THE CHANCE IS STILL THERE...!

WITH A YAKU OF 5-6-7 SAN SHOKU!

...AND DIE AT THAT VERY MOMENT ...!
HE WOULD GIVE UP 800 CCS...
IF HE DEALT IN WITH IT, THAT WOULD BE MANGAN!
THAT TILE HAS HIS DEATH WRITTEN ALL OVER IT....!!
HE MUST KEEP IT...!
...IT IS NOT A TILE HE CAN DEAL!

...HE CAN-NOT BE HUMAN ....!
IF HE DOES NOT KEEP IT, THEN ...
HE CAN ONLY THINK TO KEEP IT...!
HAH ....!
カエ...

OH HO OO HH!

AT LONG LAST... THE DEMON, AKAGI, HAS GIVEN IN!!

HE AVOIDED DEALING THAT TILE !!!

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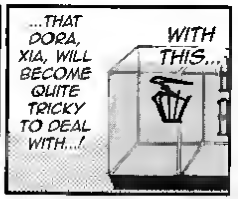
CHAPTER 129 - HURRIEDLY

HE'S AVOIDING IT....!
...HE HAS GIVEN IN TO REASON...
SEEING THAT MY HAND COULD VERY EASILY BE IN TENPAI...
AND IN DOING SO, HAS DEALT HIS NAN!
...AND IS NOW HOLDING ONTO THAT RISKY XIA, THE DORA...!!

GOOOOD ...!
KHEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

YOUR HAND HAS BEEN CHAINED BACK...!!
I'VE GOT YOU NOW ...!


...THAT DORA, XIA, WILL BECOME QUITE TRICKY TO DEAL WITH...!
WITH THIS...

THAT BLOCK WEDGED INTO YOUR HAND!!
I SHALL NOT WASTE THIS CHANCE!!!
VERY GOOD ...!

Hッ...

I WILL MAKE IT...!
I WILL DRAW MY TENPAI!!
KGH ...!
TCH ...

DAM-
MIT
...!
...
I NEED TO GET THERE ...!!
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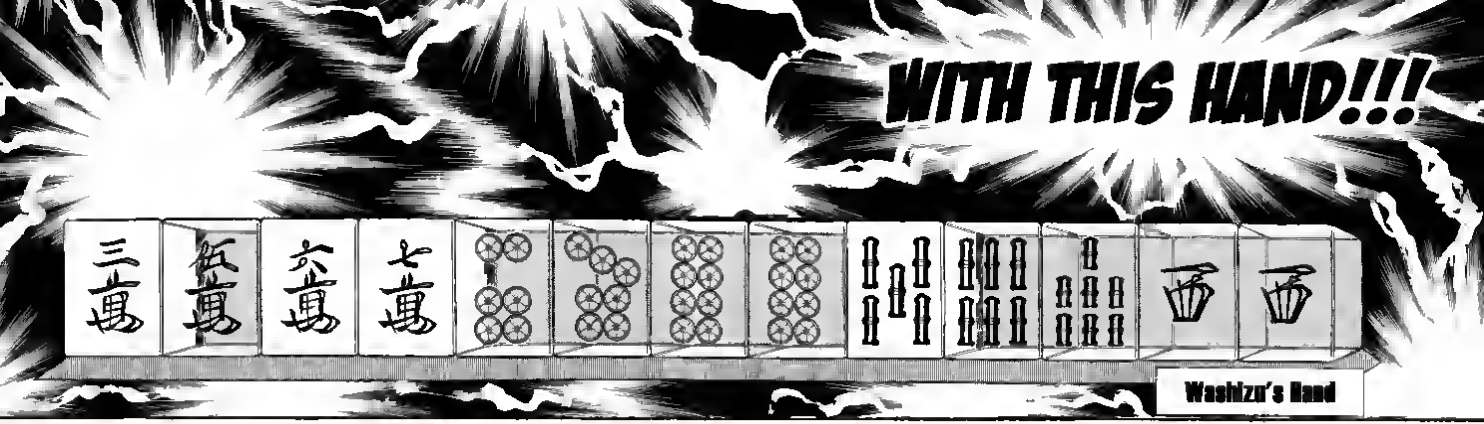
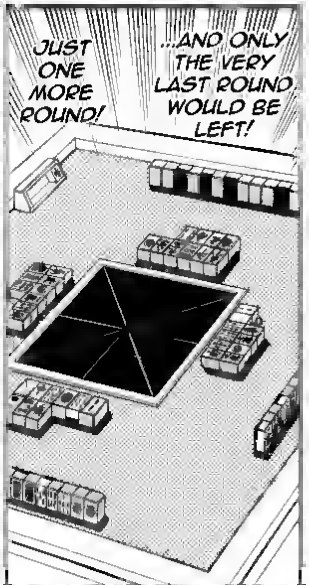
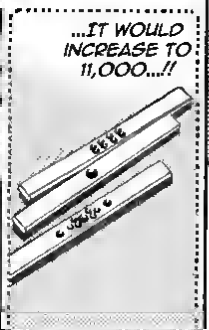
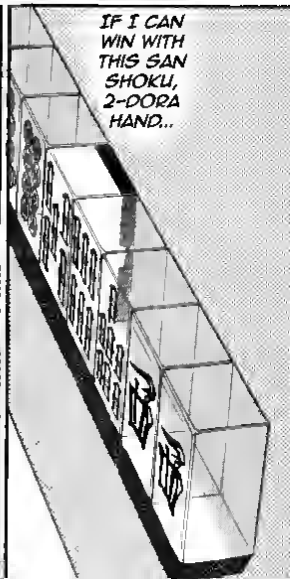
...I MUST GET TO TENPAI ...!
AND I MUST WIN!!
HE IS NO THREAT TO ME FOR THE TIME BEING, SO, NO MATTER WHAT...
HE HAS BEEN RESTRAINED ...!



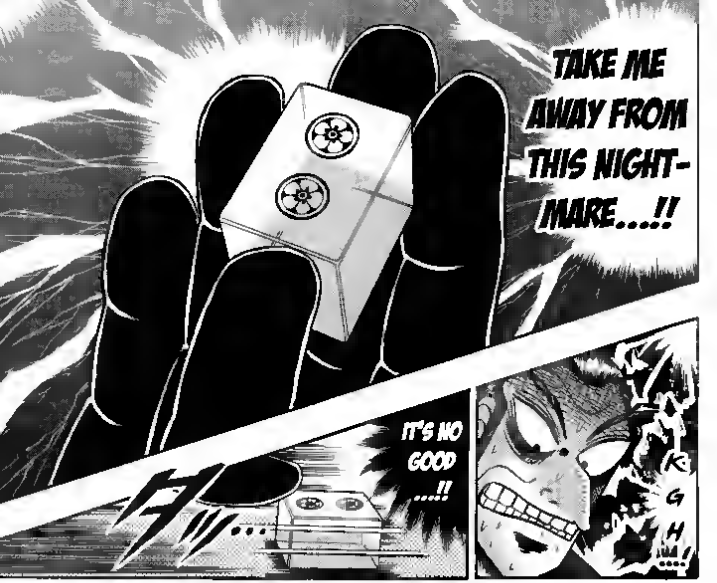


...WOULD MAKE MY VICTORY EXTREMELY PROBABLE...!

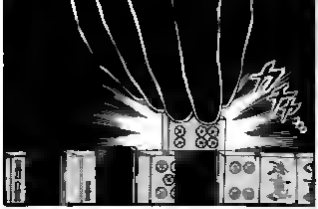




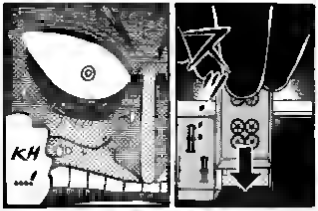
KGH
...!
.....
COME TO ME ...!!
COME OUT HERE ...!!
HELP ME...!
HELP ME IN MY GREATEST TIME OF NEED!!
GIVE ME WHAT I NEED!!


TAKE ME AWAY FROM THIS NIGHT-MARE...!!
IT'S NO GOOD ...!!
KGH

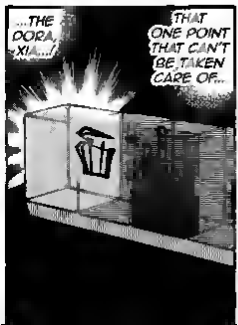
OR EVEN 6-7-8 PIN, 2-4 MAN, OR THE XIA...!
THE 5-PIN ...
...JUST ONE MORE USEFUL DRAW!!
I ONLY NEED ONE...
JUST GIVE ME SOME-THIN' !
I DON'T EVEN NEED JAH SHOKU ANYMORE ...!!
COME ON!!!
ALL I NEED IS ONE OF THOSE !!



The 11th Turn

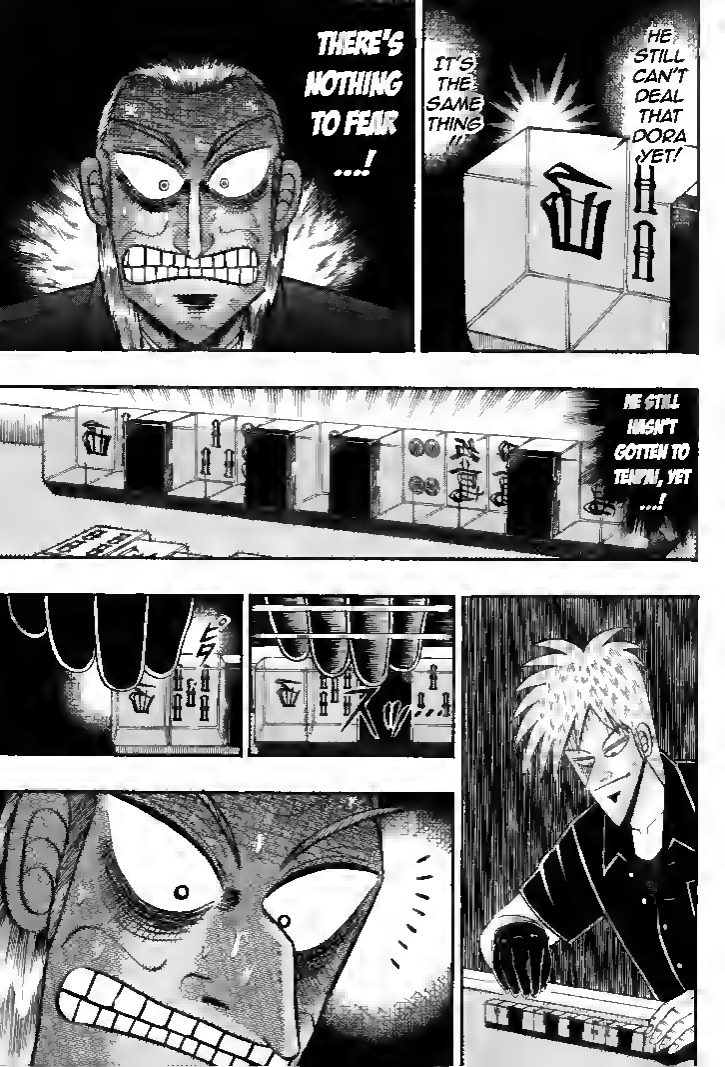

KH ...!

IT WENT IN...!


...THE DORA, XI...!

THAT ONE POINT THAT CAN'T BE TAKEN CARE OF...
WELL, NO MATTER HOW MANY HE GETS, IT'S ALL THE SAME!

...HMPH


THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR ...!
IT'S THE SAME THING!!!
HE STILL CAN'T DEAL THAT DORA YET!
HE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN TO TENPAI, YET ...!
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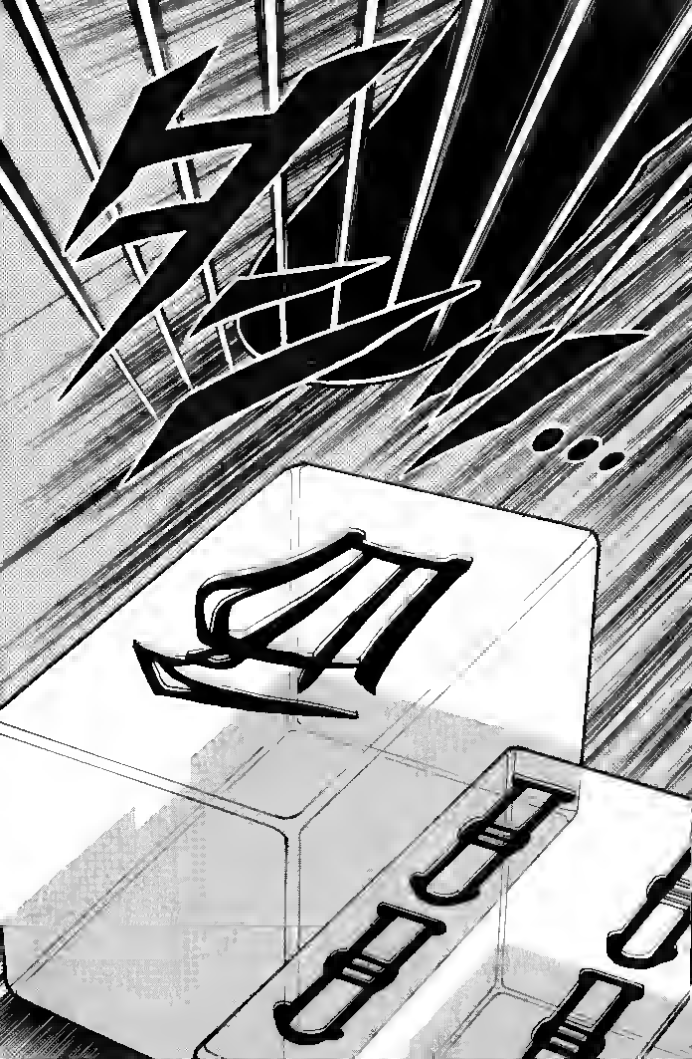
ス...

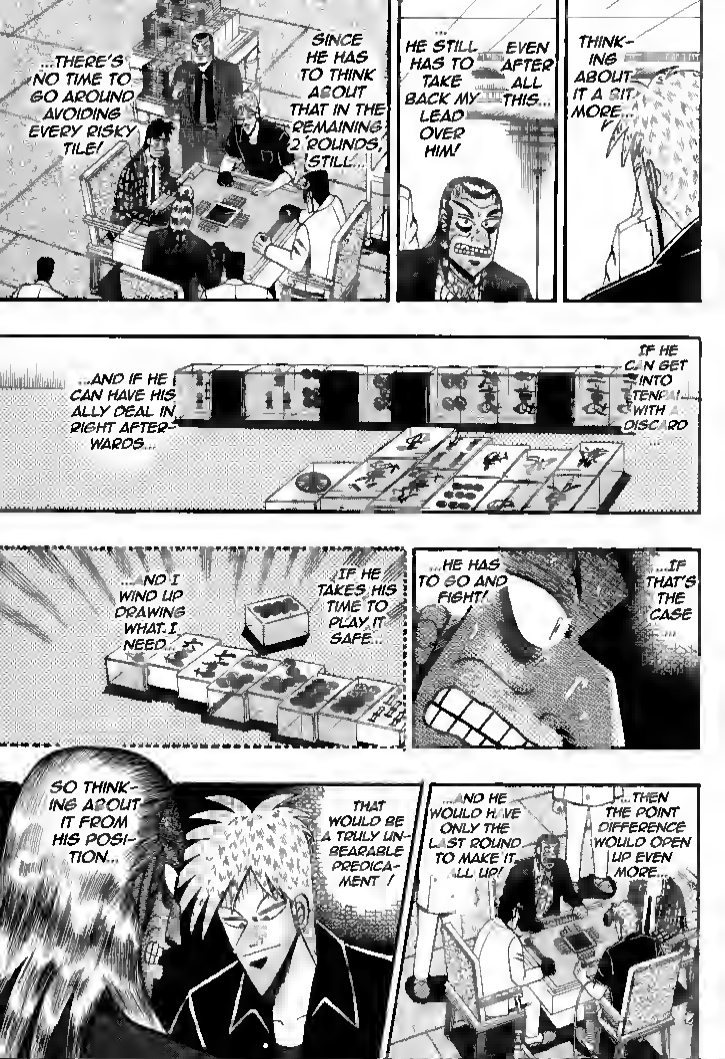
WHA
...?!
HE COULDN'T BE...!!
NO ...!

THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE!!
THAT DORA, THE XIA!!!
OF COURSE HE CAN'T DEAL THAT TILE!!!
HE CAN'T DEAL THAT !!!
A K A G I !!!!
...IS DEATH ITSELF !!!
THAT DORA, XIA...
...IT COULD SPELL IN-STANT DEATH!!
IF HE DEALS THAT TILE, NOW..



GAH ....!
HE LETS IT GO!
AKAGI ...
...LET'S GO OF THE DORA, XIA!
WH... WHY...?!
HAH HH HH ...!

WHY?!
HOW COULD YOU LET THAT GO BY?!
THAT'S IT...!!!
AH....!
IS HE DEALING IN...?!
HE'S DEALING IN....!!
THAT'S WHAT IT IS!!
...THEN THE COP OVER THERE WILL DEAL RIGHT INTO AKAGI'S HAND!
IF THIS DORA, XIA PASSES, NOW..

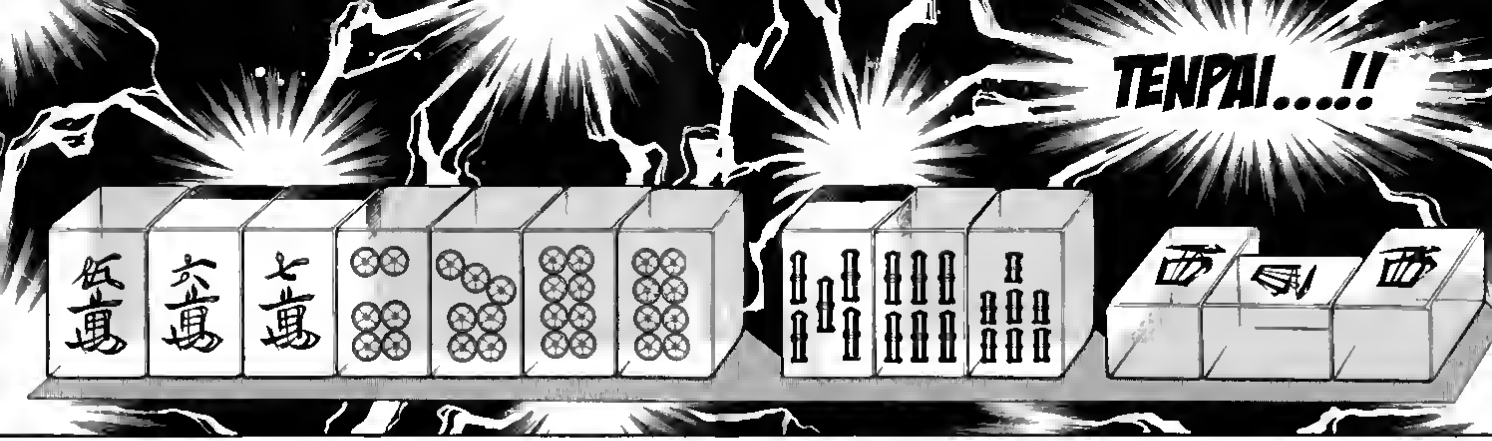

...THERE'S NO TIME TO GO AROUND AVOIDING EVERY RISKY TILE!
SINCE HE HAS TO THINK ABOUT THAT IN THE REMAINING 2 ROUNDS, STILL...
...
HE STILL HAS TO TAKE BACK MY LEAD OVER HIM!
EVEN AFTER ALL THIS...
THINK-ING ABOUT IT A BIT MORE...
...AND IF HE CAN HAVE HIS ALLY DEAL IN RIGHT AFTER WARDS...
IF HE CAN GET INTO TENPAI WITH A DISCARD
...AND I WIND UP DRAWING WHAT I NEED...
IF HE TAKES HIS TIME TO PLAY IT SAFE...
...HE HAS TO GO AND FIGHT!
...IF THAT'S THE CASE
SO THINK-ING ABOUT IT FROM HIS POSI-TION...
THAT WOULD BE A TRULY UN-BEARABLE PREDICA-MENT!
...AND HE WOULD HAVE ONLY THE LAST ROUND TO MAKE IT ALL UP!
...THEN THE POINT DIFFERENCE WOULD OPEN UP EVEN MORE...

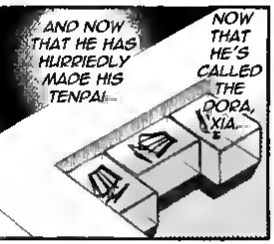
THAT'S HOW IT IS...!
HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO MOVE FORWARD...!
AND HE KNEW IT WAS A VERY DANGEROUS TILE TO PLAY.
THAT IF HE DEALT IN, HE WOULD BE KILLED
AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S TRUE.
URGH...!
...HE WOULD NEED TO TAKE THAT RISK IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT VERY SITUATION...!
IF I LET HIM TAKE HIS TURN...
IF I LET THE COP HAVE A DRAW NOW.
THIS IS BAD...!!

THAT IS...
...HE'LL DEAL STRAIGHT IN!
AH...
AHHH...
...I WILL BE OVER-TAKEN!!
WAIT...!
W...

HUH ...?
I'LL CALL PON ...!
I...

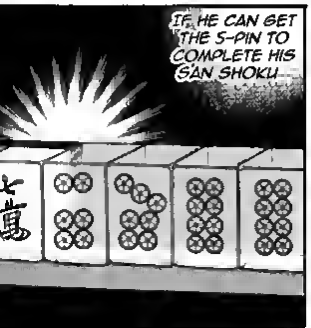
AHH ....!
...HURRIEDLY CALLS ON THE DORA, XI!
WASHIZU ...
3 DORA ....!!
AND AFTER CALLING...
DEALS THE 3-MAN!

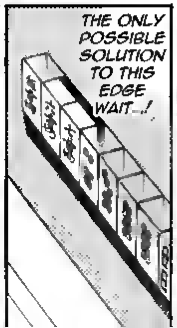

TENPAI...!!


AND NOW THAT HE HAS HURRIEDLY MADE HIS TENPAI
NOW THAT HE'S CALLED THE DORA, XIA

..HE'S BET IT ALL ON A SLIM CHANCE
IT'S NOW SINK OR SWIM

HE MADE THAT CALL!


IF HE CAN GET THE 5-PIN TO COMPLETE HIS SAN SHOKU

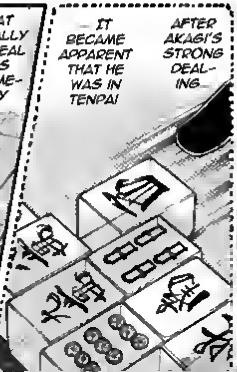

THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS EDGE WAIT..!

..HE CAN PLAY 5-PIN..!!
ON SUZUKI'S NEXT TURN

I SEE ...!

SAN SHOKU, WITH 3 DORA ...!

SO, IN ORDER TO QUICKLY STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING
AND THAT AKAGI'S ALLY WOULD DEAL INTO HIS HAND IMMEDIATELY AFTER


IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE WAS IN TENPAI
AFTER AKAGI'S STRONG DEALING

HE'LL GET A RUSHED SAN SHOKU HAND WITH 3 DORA...
...HE'LL COMPLETE HIS HAND!
HE'LL HAVE A POINT DIFFERENCE SO LARGE
...AND STILL MAKE MANGAN!
THAT NOT EVEN AKAGI CAN BREAK THROUGH IT!!

NOT EVEN AKAGI SHIGERU !!
NOW ...!
DRAW IT!!
SUZUKI !!!

DRAW THE 5-PIN!!
THE 5-PIN...!
IF YOU GET THE 5-PIN, I WIN!!
HHH...
I WIN!!

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GET THE 5-PIN ....!!

THE 5-PIN ...!!!
THE 5-PIN ...!!
GIVE ME THE 5-PIN ...!!!
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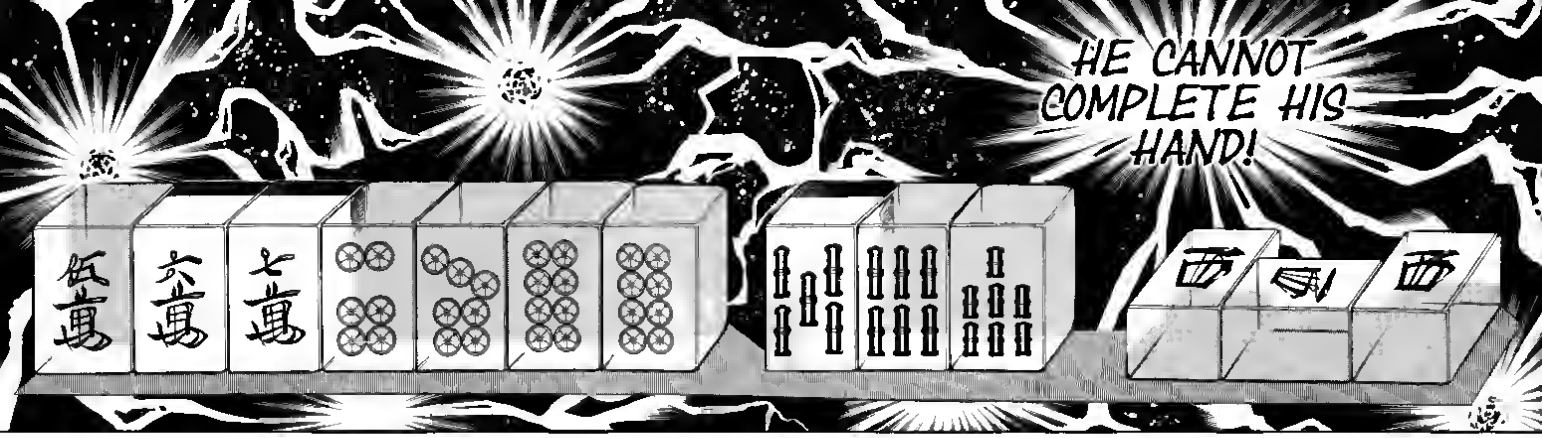
Washizu: 28,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.4 Million Yen
Akagi: 23,600 Points, -2000 ecs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.6 Million Yen
...A MANGAN HAND!!
SAN SHOKU, WITH 3 DORA ...
IF IT'S THE 5-PIN, I'LL GET SAN SHOKU ...!!
SOUTH 3RD ROUND, 12 TURNS IN.
...THE 5TH SESSION ...!
WASHIZU MAHJONG ...
THE GAME WILL GO TO AKAGI!!
...IS NOW HOPING WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH FOR A SINGLE TILE...
SUZUKI ...
...THEN THE ENEMY WILL WIN, INSTEAD!
IF YOU DRAW ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING ELSE
HOWEVER...

...THE 5-PIN, THE PIVOTAL DRAW FOR WASHIZU'S COMEBACK ...!
GGH ...!
IF IT'S THE 5-PIN ...!!
IF IT'S THE 5-PIN, THAT'S SAN SHOKU ...!
WHICH IS IT ...?!
BUT ...

...IT FAILS!
GR GH ....!
IT DOES NOT EME-RGE!
KEH ...!
DAMM-MM!!!IT ....!!!


HE CANNOT COMPLETE HIS HAND!

THE QUESTION, THEN, IS...
IF HE DEALS INTO AKAGI'S HAND NOW, IT'S ALL OVER...!
IT'S ALL OVER, NOW...!

RR RRR GHH H...!
WASHIZU DOES NOT WIN!

IN OTHER WORDS...
TO OVERCOME MY 3100-POINT LEAD OVER HIM...?!
IS HIS HAND GOOD ENOUGH...
...HOW GOOD IS AKAGI'S HAND...? THAT IS THE CRITICAL POINT!

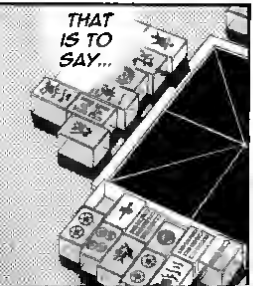
HAH...!
ス!!
ダン...

...WILL HE HAVE MADE IT WITH THIS ...?!
A COME-BACK...!!
WHA ...?
HOW-EVER ...

HE DOES NOT RAISE HIS VOICE!

GAH!!

AKAGI SHIGERU DOES NOT SAY A WORD !!

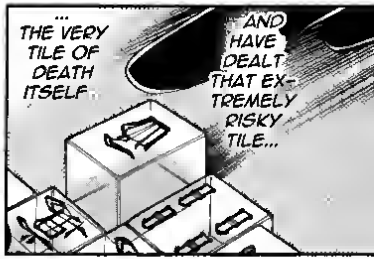

THAT IS TO SAY...

THAT YOU AREN'T CALLING THE WIN ?!
HOW CAN IT BE

AREN'T YOU GOING TO WIN=?!
WHA... WHAT?!

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE IN TENPAI...

YOU'VE TAKEN THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO TENPAI
YOU ARE NOT HAVING YOUR HAND DEALT INTO?!


... THE VERY TILE OF DEATH ITSELF...
AND HAVE DEALT THAT EXTREMELY RISKY TILE...

GR GH...!
AND HAVE CHOSEN TO DEAL IT, ANYWAY?!

HE'S SCREWING AROUND WITH ME!!
THIS MAN...
GR GH ...!!
GOD DAM-MIT!!
WHAT A DECI-SION!!
DAMMIT!

YET AGAIN!!
HE'S MANIPULATING ME LIKE I'M A PUPPET OR SOMETHING!!
A DECISION THAT DEFIES ALL REASONING!!!
IT'S THE SAME THING ...!!
...OR THAT HIS HAND WAS IN SUCH BAD SHAPE...
IF I'D HAVE KNOWN HE WOULDN'T DEAL IN...
...HIS DEVILISHNESS!!
WITH HIS INSANITY...
KR GH ...!
WHERE I CAN ONLY MAKE A RUSHED SAN SHOKU WIN WITH A 5-PIN
IT'S PUT ME IN THIS AWFUL SHAPE
. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS AFTER!!
THEN I OBVIOUSLY WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED THAT TILE!!

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS...
YOU LUNA-TIC!!
5-PIN ..... !!
...I HAVE TO DRAW IT!!
5-PIN ..... !!!

5-PIN
.....!!!!
N...
NO
....!!

WHY DID I PICK UP *THIS* OF ALL THINGS?!
WHA... WHAT'S THIS I'VE JUST DRAWN ...?!
KRGH ...!
GR GH ...!
KR RGH ...!!
THIS 8-PIN WON'T GIVE ME SAN SHOKU!!
I CAN'T WIN WITH THIS ONE!!
...I WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN!!
IT'S FURITEN...!! WITH THIS, EVEN IF SUZUKI DRAWS MY WINNING 5-PIN...
RR RR GHH ...!
KR GH ...!
THIS HAND WILL BECOME ONE WHERE I CAN ONLY WIN THROUGH TSUMO!!

WOULD HAVE BEEN A BLESSING!!
THEN THIS 8-PIN
IF I HADN'T CALLED ON THAT DORA JUST NOW ...
UG GGG GGG HHH HH ....!
THERE WOULD'VE BEEN A CHANCE FOR A VERY PROBABLE 3-WAY WAIT!!
A XIA, S-8 PIN WAIT...!
HE WRENCHED ME AWAY FROM THAT!!
GR GH ....!

YOU DEMON !!
DAM- MMM IIIITT TT!!
IT HAP- PENED AGAIN...!!
AH HH ....!!
AH ...!
ざわ..
...THIS 8-PIN DRAW...
THINK- ING ABOUT IT...
AT THE MOST IMPORTANT DRAW OF THE ROUND, HE GOT A 8-PIN...!
HIS HAND HAS BEEN BROUGHT DOWN AGAIN!!!
WAS LIKE IT WAS FORCED ON HIM...!!

...
BY A
SHINI
GAM
...!
HANDED
TO HIM
...
HE'S IN
TROU-
BLE
NOW
...
HE DREW THE ROUTE-CHANGING TILE!
...HIS ROUTE HAS SUD-DENLY CHANGED!
...AND BEFORE HE KNOWS IT...
IT'S LIKE HE'S AN AIRGLIDER CAUGHT IN A STORM
SO THAT MAKING A WIN.

HUH ...?
AKAGI'S 14TH TURN
...WILL BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE !!
HE'S SWITCHING HIS DRAW IN?!?!
SOMETHING'S GOING IN?!
IT WENT IN...?
WHAT IS THIS ?!
THEN THAT MEANS...
HE... HE JUST ...!
GRAH ...!
WHEN HE DEALT THAT DORA, XIA?!
THEN HE WASN'T ACTUALLY IN TENPAI YET?!

RIICHI!
HAH...?!

HE DEALT THE 5-PIN ....?!?!
HE CALLED RIICHI AND DEALT THE 5-PIN?!?!

...
THAT 5-PIN WOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM OFF....!!
...IF I HADN'T DRAWN THAT 8-PIN...
JUST NOW...
GRGH ...!!

RIICHI ?!?!
ざわ
...AND CALLED RIICHI ?!?!
HE PLAYED MY WIN-NING 5-PIN...
I'LL KILL HIM.....!!
WHA... WHAT'S HE TRYING TO PULL ?!?!
HE ...!!
RR RR GH HH !!!
GRGH ...!

I'LL KILL HIM.....!!!
I'LL KILL HIM...!!!
I'LL KILL HIM .....!!!!
I'LL KILL HIM !!!!
WA... WAS-HIZU SAMA ...!!
.....
GR.GH ...!!!

GGGGGHHH-
HHHHHHH...!!!

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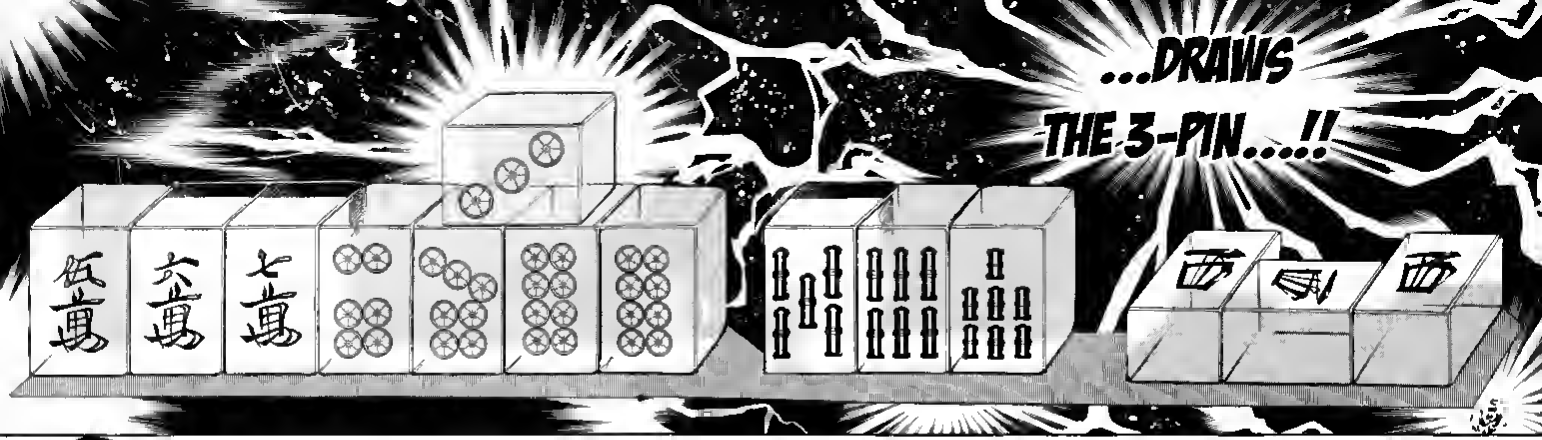
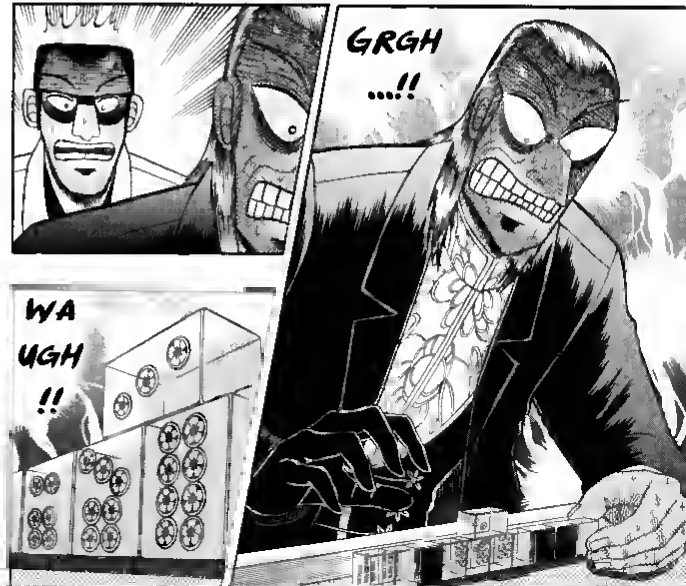
THIS BRAT ...!!
KGG GHHH HH!!
THIS LITTLE TWIRP!!
Akagi: 22,600 Points. -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 317.6 Million Yen
(1000 points used in Riichi)
HE DEALT THAT DORA, XIA!
CERTAINLY, JUST A BIT AGO, WITHOUT SO MUCH AS FEARING DEATH OR GOD.
YOU HAVE TO REGAIN YOUR COMPOSURE, SIR!!!
PLEASE, YOU MUST CALM DOWN, NOW...!! IF YOU DON'T, IT'S HOPELESS!
...HE WAS ABLE TO DEAL YOUR WINNING TILE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE....!
SEING THAT YOU HAD GOTTEN INTO FURITEN, WASHIZU-SAMA-
AND THEN...
Washizu: 28,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 282.4 Million Yen
IT'S LIKE HE REALLY WANTS TO BE KILLED!! HE'S GETTING ME MORE AND MORE...!!
WASHIZU SAMA...!
YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN!
THIS KID!!!

WITH HIS RIICHI, DEALING THE 5-PIN...!
...THAT 5-PIN, HE CALLED RIICHI!!
WITH THE TILE THAT WASHIZU-SAMA COULD HAVE WON WITH BEFORE...

BUT STILL ...
HE IS BEING INCREDIBLY BOTHERSOME...
THAT'S VERY IRRITATING, TO BE SURE!
GRGH ...!
...YOU'LL BE GIVING THE ENEMY EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS!!
IF YOU GET ANGRY, NOW...
...GETTING ANGRY WILL MAKE IT WORSE!
14 TURNS IN, WAS HIZU ...
THE SAME TURN ...
GRGH ...!
HE WANTS YOU TO BE ANGRY!!
HAGIWARA-SAMA...!!

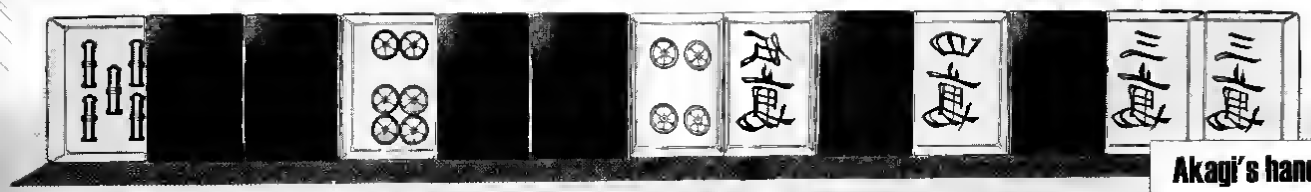

...DRAWS
THE 3-PIN...!!

THIS IS NO GOOD...
WHAT A TERRIBLE TILE TO DRAW!!

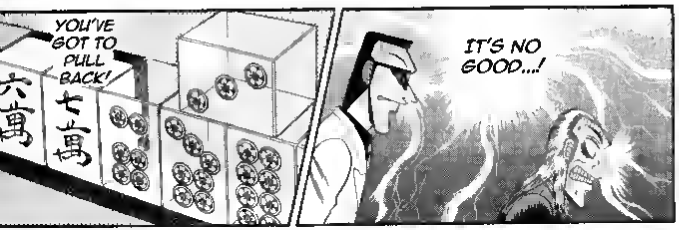

GRGH ...!!
WA UGH !!

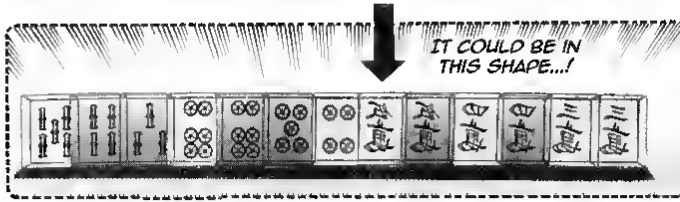
AKAGI'S HAND...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
AN ABSURDLY BAD DRAW TO MAKE...!!
IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRAZY...!

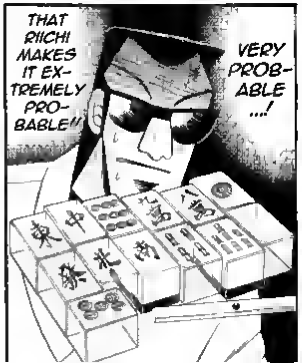
...SEEMS LIKE IT COULD EASILY BE A 3-4-5 SAN SHOKU HAND....!!



Akagi's hand







...WHERE 2 OF THOSE 5-PINS ARE.
AND WAGHIZU IS ABLE TO SEE ...
...THAT MAY ONLY WIN BY THE 5-PIN.
...SO HE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO WIN IF SUZUKI WERE TO DRAW A 5-PIN.
WAGHIZU HAS ALREADY DEALT THE TILE THAT WOULD GIVE HIM A YAKU-LESS HAND, THE 8-PIN...
AND WHAT'S MORE,
THERE REMAIN ONLY 2 MORE.
SO, FOR THOSE TWO 5-PIN ...
AKAGI...
ON THE OTHER HAND ...
...HE WILL BE UNABLE TO WIN!
...UNLESS HE IS ABLE TO DRAW ONE HIMSELF...
...SO, NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
...SEEMS TO HAVE A VERY SOLID EDGE WAIT IN HIS HAND...

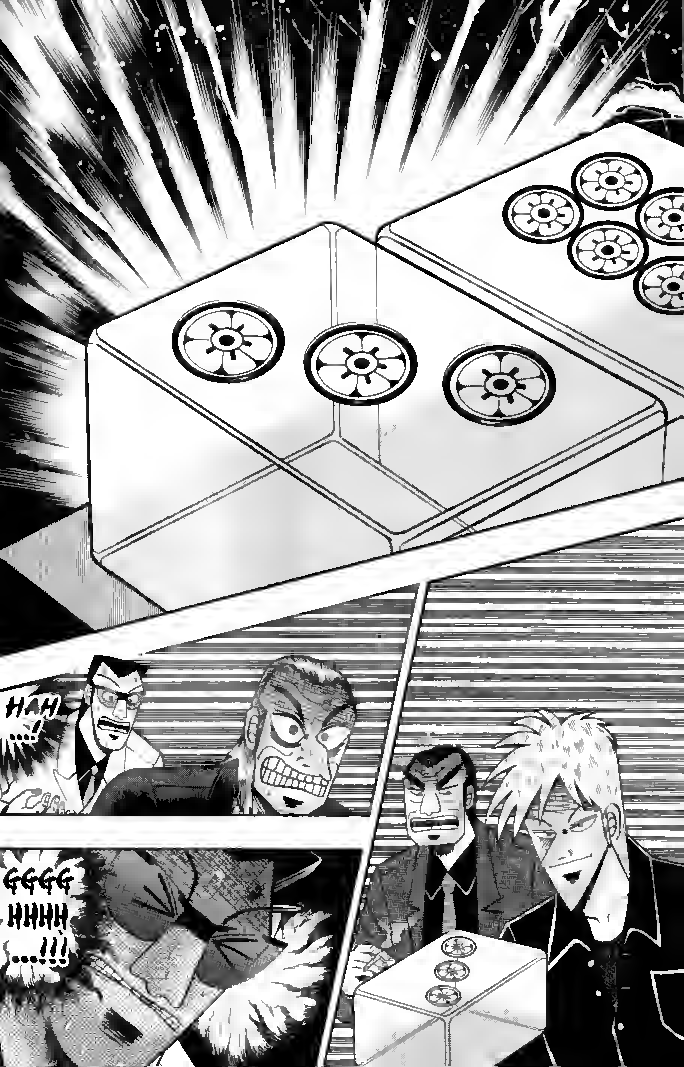
WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT TILES TO DEAL...
WHILE WASHIZU MAY HAVE A SMALL CHANCE OF VICTORY AT THE PRESENT...
...THINKING THAT WAY...
THEREFORE...
...HIS ODDS ARE NOT GOOD!
THE RISKS!
ABOVE ALL ELSE, HE MUST CONSIDER THE DANGER BEHIND THAT TILE!
...THE 3-PIN HE HAS JUST DRAWN IS ASTRONOMICALLY DANGEROUS...!
FROM THE FRONT!!
HE MUST BREAK FREE FROM THIS HARDSHIP...
...HE HAS NO OTHER OPTION!
HE IS THEREFORE FORCED TO RETREAT...

GR GH ....!
THAT IS...
...THE NOR-MAL STRA-TEGY!
GG GR RR RG HH HH ...!
GY YY RR RR GH HH ...!!
THAT IS WHAT ANYONE WOULD THINK!
HUH ...?
WH-AAA ...?!
HOW-EVER ...
AT THIS TIME ...

...HE HAS BECOME HYPNO-TIZED...
...WASHIZU HAS BE-COME ENTRA-NCED!
GR GH ...!!
BY THE DEMON SITTING BEFORE HIM!!
ENOUGH... WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK...!!

DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO GIVE IN?!?!
GET THAT UGLY GRIN OFF YOUR FACE, AKAGI!!
DO YOU THINK I'LL BE THREATENED BY THAT?!?!
HA HH HH HH HH HH ....!!!
AH ....!!
GYA HH ....!!!
GRGH ....!!

WA
...
WAS-
HIZU-
SAMA
!!!!!
GYA
HH!!


HAH!
GGGG
HHHH
...!!!

EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL!!
BUT...

THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL ...!!

I CAN'T LOOK!!

HOW'S THAT ...?

MAYBE ...!

AS I'D EXPECT, WASHIZU
THAT WAS VERY BOLD
A GOOD GUESS

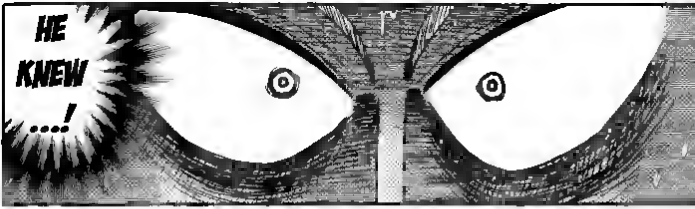
HM HMM HMM ...

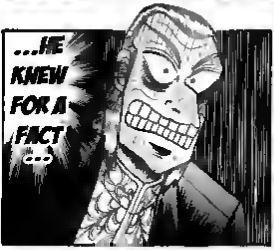
...IT WAS WR-ONG.
BUT...
IPPATSU RIICHI, TANYAO, PINFU...
SAN SHOKU, II PEI KOU...
...WITH 1 URA-DORA

THAT'S BAI-MAN.
1600 POINTS
AH...!
HAHHHHHH...!!

GR
GH
...!!
WHA
...?
THE OPAQUE 5-PIN ...??!
HE... HE HAD IT ...?!
AH ...?!
THEN THAT MEANS ...!
WA... WAIT A MINUTE ...!
WHA ...?!

GR
GH
....!


HE
KNEW
....!


...HE
KNEW
FOR A
FACT
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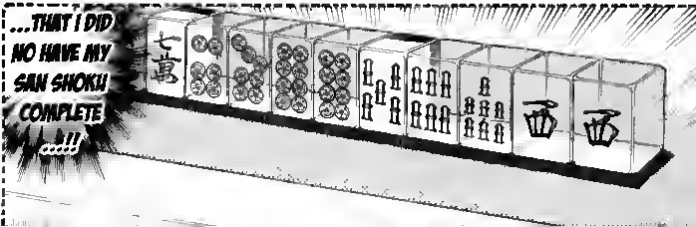
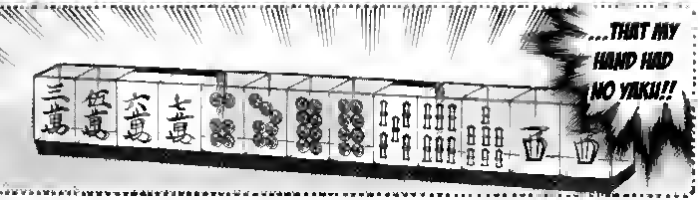
...WHEN
HE DREW
THE DORA,
XIII...

BACK
THEN...


...THAT I DID
NO HAVE MY
SAN SHOKU
COMPLETE
.....!!!

HE KNEW THAT XIA WOULD PASS RIGHT BY ME!!!
IT WAS CLEAR AS DAY...
THERE WAS NO NEED TO DOUBT IT...!

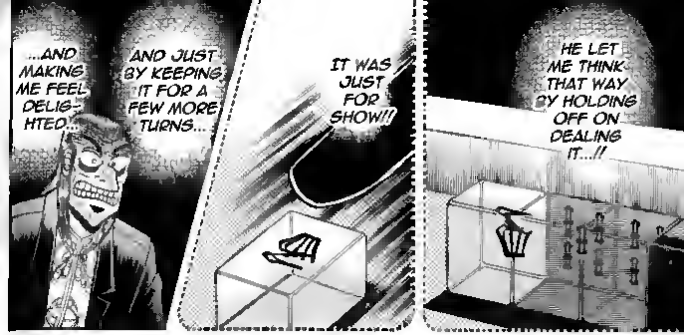
THAT DORA, XIA...!!
IN OTHER WORDS ...


...THAT MY HAND HAD NO YAKU!!

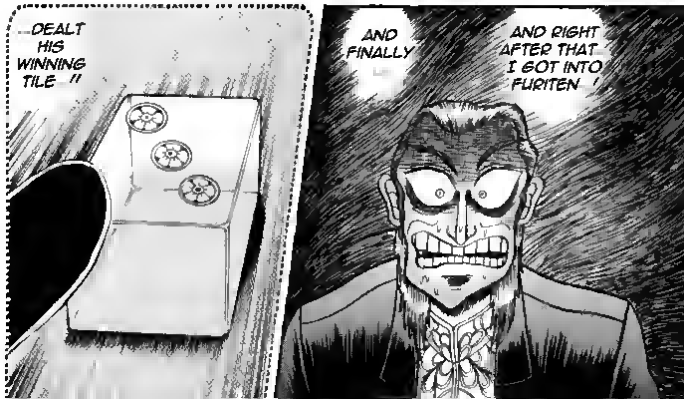
THAT WAS WHAT HE WANTED ME TO THINK...!!!
...IT WASN'T BECAUSE HE WAS THINKING ABOUT NOT DEALING IT...!!

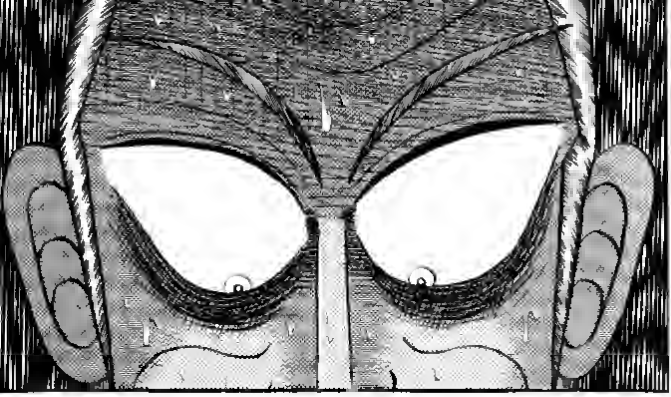
WHEN BE KEPT THE XIA IN HIS HAND FOR A TIME

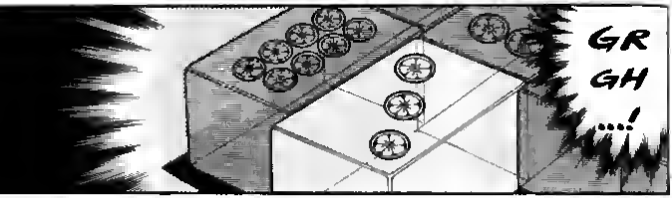
WHICH MEANS


...AND MAKING ME FEEL DELIGHTED...
AND JUST BY KEEPING IT FOR A FEW MORE TURNS...
IT WAS JUST FOR SHOW!!
HE LET ME THINK THAT WAY BY HOLDING OFF ON DEALING IT...!!

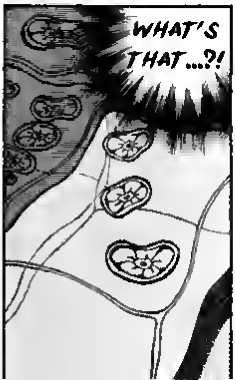
I MADE THAT RIDICULOUSLY BAD CALL!
AND AS A RESULT...
HE GOT ME TO PANIC WHEN HE SUDDENLY DEALT IT FROM INSIDE HIS HAND!


...DEALT HIS WINNING TILE!!
AND FINALLY
AND RIGHT AFTER THAT I GOT INTO FURITEN!





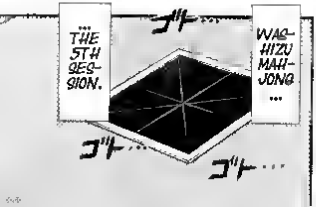
WHY WOULD I DEAL SOME-THING LIKE THAT ?!?!



AHHH...?!

GEH ...!
GR RRR RGG HHH ...!
GG HH ...
IT WAS COM-PLETELY OBVIOUS THAT WAS WHAT HE NEEDED!!
HAH ...!!
YOU DE-MON !!!

DEMON...!
DEMON...!!
DEMON...!!!



AT PRESENT, THE POINT TOTALS FOR AKAGI AND WASHIZU, OUR TWO COMPETITORS, ARE 39,600 AND 10,700, RESPECTIVELY.
THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO HAS BEEN OPENED TO 28,900 POINTS!
Washizu: 10,700 Points
Remaining Funds: 295.4 Million Yen
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WITH THIS WIN, THE DIRECTION OF THE GAME HAS BEEN ALL BUT DE-CIDED...!
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ORDINARILY, FOR WASHIZU MAHJONG, THIS DIFFERENCE OF CLOSE TO 30,000 POINTS WOULD BE A COMPLETE SAFETY NET! THIS BLOCKADE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE OVER-TURNED... THERE WOULD BE LITTLE CHANCE FOR A COMEBACK!
Akagi: 39,600 Points
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 333.6 Million Yen

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...SO, IN WAGIHIZU MAHJONG...
BECAUSE OF THIS, DIRECT HITS ARE MUCH EASIER TO AVOID...
THIS IS DUE TO 3 IN 4 TILES BEING TRANSPARENT!
THIS 28,900 POINTS IS TRULY FATAL...!
...THERE IS NO EASY ROUTE TO A COMEBACK!
...IS A FIERCE DIETY...
BUT HIS OPPONENT...
NOT ONLY THAT...
...STER!

THE VERY FACT THAT HE IS FACING AKAGI SHIGERU ...
...MAKES THIS SITUATION ESPECIALLY DESPERATE!!
KRGH ...!
UP UNTIL NOW ...

...HAS AKAGI EVER DEALT IN TO WASHIZU'S HAND!
...NOT ONE TIME...
...IN ALL 5 OF THE SESSIONS TO THIS POINT...
...FROM WASHIZU'S LUCKY TSUMO WINS...
...HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY...
THE POINTS THAT AKAGI HAS LOST...
THOSE WERE HIS ONLY LOSSES!
...TO DEAL INTO HIS HAND!
...HE WOULD TELL YAGUOKA...
...OR OTHERWISE...
...WHERE 3 IN 4 TILES ARE TRANSPARENT...
IN THIS GAME OF WASHIZU MAHJONG...

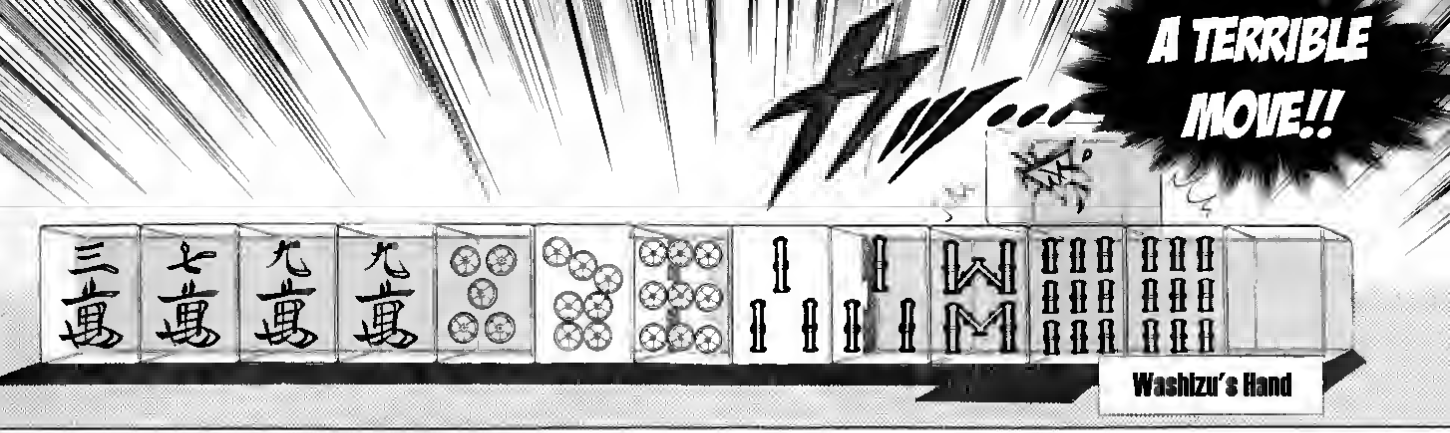
...THERE WOULD BE A SMALL CHANCE OF THAT, BUT...
...IF HE WERE TO DO NOTHING BUT PLAY IT SAFE EVERY ROUND...
OF COURSE...
...DIRECT HITS ARE VERY RARE!
SO THAT SAID, NATURALLY...
HE MUST AIM TO COMPLETE EVERY HAND THAT HE RECIEVES!
HE MUST AIM TO WIN, EVERY SINGLE ROUND!
THAT IS NOT THE CASE!
MONSTROUS...
THIS IS TRULY AN UNNATURAL PHENOMENON...
A DEMONIC STYLE OF GAMBLING!
AND YET, AKAGI HAS YET TO DEAL INTO WAGHIZU EVEN A SINGLE TIME...!
...THAT MAY NOT PASS AS EASILY AS OTHERS!
...THERE WOULD COME TIMES WHEN A CERTAIN CUT WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE TEN-AI...

KEH ...!!
THIS IS JUST INTOLER-ABLE...!!
AND IN THIS, THE 5TH SES-SION, AS WELL...
...AKAGI HAS ENDED UP IN 1ST PLACE EVERY SESSION!
ON TOP OF HAVING NOT DEALT IN EVEN ONCE ...
TO NOW.
...
...BARRIER!
IT IS A TRULY PER-FECT ...
HE IS ALL BUT GUARAN-TEED TO COME OUT ON TOP!
...HE IS IN 1ST WITH A 30,000-POINT LEAD!

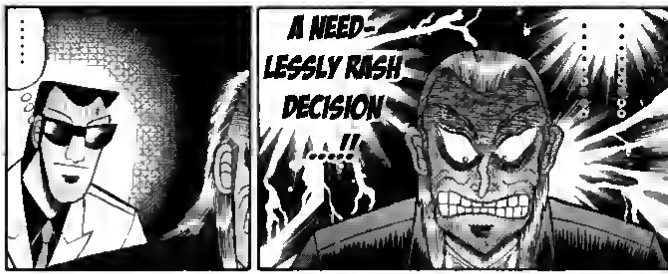
...A TRE-MEN-DOUS WALL!
AN OP-PRESSIVE BARRIER STANDING IN HIS WAY...
AN INSUR-MOUNT-ABLE ROCK PLATE!
THERE IS NO PLACE ...
...FOR HIS HANDS OR LEGS TO GRIP!

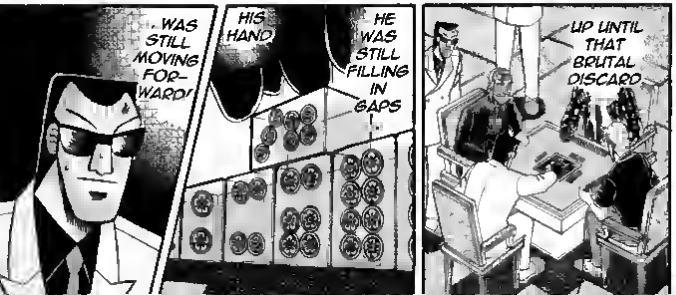
A PRECI-PICE!
GR GH ...!
KEH!

HOW IN THE WORLD ...
THERE'S ABSO-LUTELY NO WAY AROUND IT...!!
THIS IS IMPOS-SIBLE ....!!
THIS GIGANTIC WALL...!!
...DID THIS EVEN COME TO BE...?!
IT'S MAKING ME LOOK LIKE A FOOL...!!
GR GH ....!
THIS ROCK PLATE!!
WHAT A STUPID WAY TO PLAY!!


A TERRIBLE MOVE!!
Washizu's Hand

THAT BAIMAN DIRECT HIT WAS VERY DAMAGING!
IT WAS TRULY PAIN-FUL...

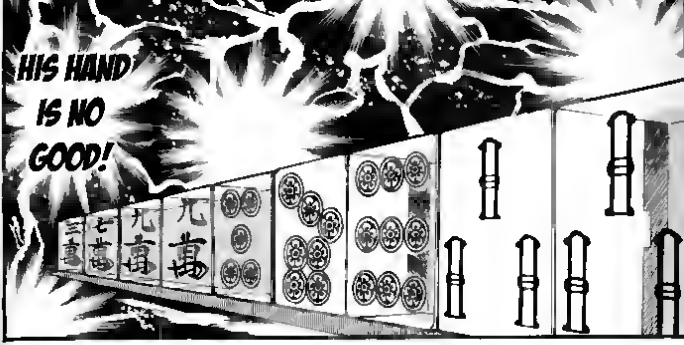

A NEED-LESSLY RASH DECISION...!!

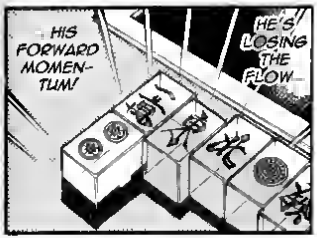

...WAS STILL MOVING FOR-WARD!
HIS HAND
HE WAS STILL FILLING IN GAPS
UP UNTIL THAT BRUTAL DISCARD...

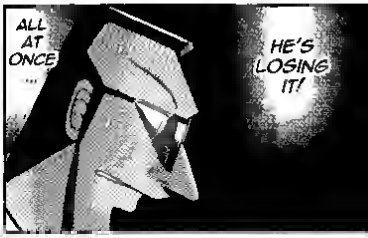
...A BAD START-ING HAND, AND BAD DRAWS!
IT HAS NO POWER
AS I'D EXPECT, HIS HAND IS SLOW...
KR-H...!

HIS DRAWS ARE COMPLETELY DEAD!!
HE'S HONESTLY RUN OUT OF THINGS HE CAN DO...!
NOW, IT'S GOOD AS USELESS!
BUT...
HIS HAND WAS STILL PROGRESSING!
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO OVERTURN THAT
EVEN IF HE GETS THIS PIDDLY HAND TOGETHER IN TIME
IT'S THE LAST ROUND, WITH NEARLY 30,000 POINTS TO MAKE UP...!
WELL
THIS 5TH SESSION IS AT ITS END
SEEMS LIKE IT'S OVER, NOW
NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES, IT'S USELESS!
OF COURSE
DU!!

IF HE GETS A 5200-POINT DIRECT HIT...
NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE IN THE MATCH, THAT HOPE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!
THERE'S STILL THE OPTION OF KILLING HIM THROUGH THE BONUS PAYMENTS!
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
...THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL HIM!
...HE WOULD HAVE 4000 POINTS TAKEN...
SINCE AKAGI IS THE DEALER...
OR A MANGAN TSUMO. WHICH WOULD MEAN
HE CAN STILL KILL HIM, EVEN NOW!
RIGHT NOW, IT'S LOOKING GRIM!
EVEN FOR THAT...
BUT...


HIS HAND IS NO GOOD!


HIS FORWARD MOMENTUM!
HE'S LOSING THE FLOW!

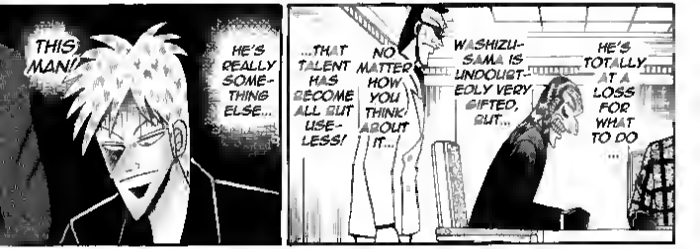

ALL AT ONCE...
HE'S LOSING IT!

HE HAS LOST HIS WAY...
NO LONGER HAS HIS VIGOUR!

WAS HIZUSAMA
MOST IMPORTANTLY

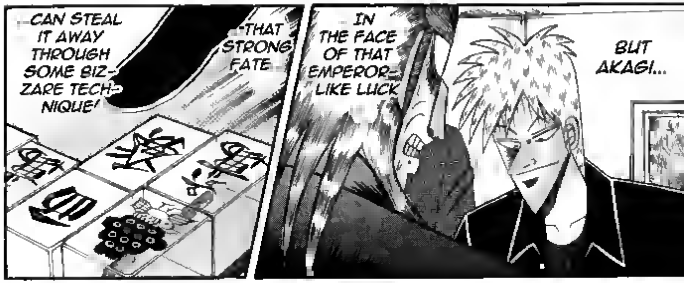
ALONG THAT PATH HE FOUND BEFORE...

THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM STRUGGLING THIS MUCH!
IT'S THE VERY FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN WASHIZU-SAMA LIKE THIS!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME!


THIS MAN!
HE'S REALLY SOMETHING ELSE...
...THAT TALENT HAS BECOME ALL BUT USELESS!
NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
WASHIZU-SAMA IS UNDOUBTEDLY VERY GIFTED, BUT...
HE'S TOTALLY AT A LOSS FOR WHAT TO DO ...

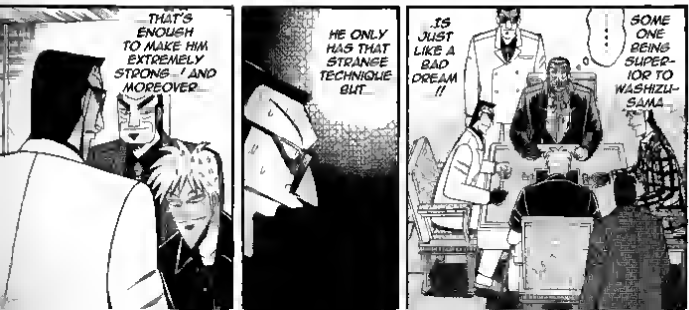
...WASHIZU-SAMA WOULD ONLY GROW STRONGER FROM IT!
THEN AS A RESULT ...
...IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT WERE TO HAPPEN
...AND IF HIS OPPONENT MADE A SKILLFUL MOVE...
...IF WASHIZU-SAMA MADE A MISTAKE
UP UNTIL NOW ...
HE WOULD WIN BY TSUMO ...!

...
AND WIN WITH THE LUCK OF AN EMPEROR!
HE WOULD TWIST THE ARM OF FATE...


...CAN STEAL IT AWAY THROUGH SOME BIZ-ZARE TECHNIQUE!
THAT STRONG FATE
IN THE FACE OF THAT EMPEROR-LIKE LUCK
BUT AKAGI...

THE SWORD HE WAS GOING TO USE TO STRIKE AT YAKAGI IS REVERSED!
BEFORE HE REALIZES IT
MAGIC OF REVERSAL!
...SOME KIND OF BLACK MAGIC...!
IT'S JUST LIKE

THE BLADE AND HILT HAVE BEEN SWITCHED AROUND!!
A STRATEGY USING THE DARK ARTS...!!
IT'S A NIGHT-MARE...!
.....!


...THAT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM EXTREMELY STRONG...! AND MOREOVER...
HE ONLY HAS THAT STRANGE TECHNIQUE BUT...
...IS JUST LIKE A BAD DREAM!!
SOME ONE BEING SUPER-IOR TO WASHIZU-SAMA...

NOT A SINGLE OF OUR THREATS HAS SLIPPED THROUGH...!
...IS STILL A PERFECT DEFENSE!
THAT MAN'S GUARD...
HIS LUST TO KILL HASN'T PHASED THAT DEFENSE IN THE LEAST!!
WASHIZU-SAMA'S MURDEROUS INTENT...
...HE WOULD BE COMPLETELY DISTRAUGHT!
...OF FACING THAT MURDEROUS INTENT HEAD-ON
...
AFTER ABOUT 30 MINUTES...
NORMALLY
...

THIS WON'T PASS ....!
HIS CONSCIOUSNESS!
HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN IT AT ALL!
THAT'S ALL I CAN DO!
I CAN'T PLAY THIS I'VE GOT TO KEEP IN IT MY HAND!
EVEN THOUGH HONORS ARE USUALLY 95% SAFE...
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS ...
...HE PLAYS THOSE LIKE HE KNOWS THEY'LL PASS!
WITHOUT A MOMENT OF HESITATION
...HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF THAT KIND OF HESITATION!
AND YET, WHEN IT COMES TO THIS MAN
...IS JUST OUTRAGEOUS !!
EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM...
THIS IS JUST TOO CRUEL !
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AKAGI ...!!
I MEAN 1ST PLACE IN THE 5TH SESSION!!
YOU'VE PULLED THROUGH!!
WITH THIS, YOU'RE IN 1ST FOR THE 5TH SESSION!!
RIGHT...
THE END IS REALLY IN SIGHT NOW!
WE CAN SEE THE END!!
THE 5TH SESSION IS LEFT!
ONLY..
NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE!
GGH ...!
OH-HOOO AH!
TANYAO, 1 DORA. 3900.
YOU DID IT ...!!
RON

GR GH ....!
RR RR RG HH ....!!!
ガシャ!!!
I NEED A BREAK!!
SIR ...!!
HOLD ON...
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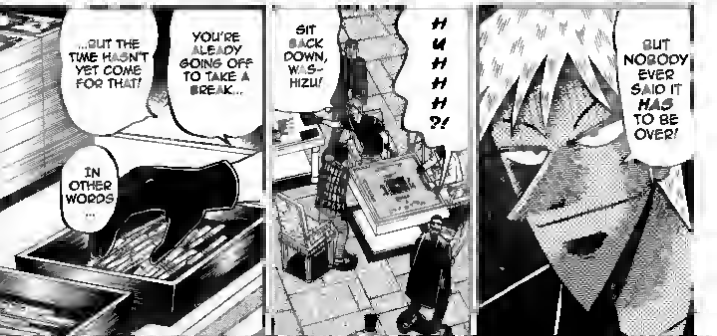
...MOST OF THE TIME...
THE GAME IS OVER
...AND HE COMPLETES A HAND...
WHEN THE DEALER IS IN 1ST...
WHA...?!


...BUT THE TIME HASN'T YET COME FOR THAT!
YOU'RE ALREADY GOING OFF TO TAKE A BREAK...
IN OTHER WORDS...
SIT BACK DOWN, WASHIZU!
HUHHHH?!
BUT NOBODY EVER SAID IT HAS TO BE OVER!

WE'RE GOING ON!
チラ…
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CONTINUING THE 5TH SESSION...
...WITH ANOTHER HONBA!
WHAA...?!?!

IT CON-TIN-UES!!
Washizu: 6,800 Points
Remaining Funds: 262.5 Million Yen
AKAGI EXTENDS THE FIFTH SESSION !!
Akagi: 43,500 Points
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 337.5 Million Yen

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A… AKAGI …!!
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CONTINUANCE

…AND THAT'S BLOOD. THE RISK OF YOU LOSING MORE BLOOD THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE!
WE HAVE ANOTHER CONCERN TO WORRY ABOUT…
FOR OUR SIDE…
THAT MUCH IS TRUE, BUT…
…YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM OVERTAKING YOU IN TERMS OF POINTS…!
OF COURSE, EVEN IF YOU DO EXTEND IT FOR ANOTHER HONBA…!

AH, NO…
YES, THAT'S RIGHT…!!
DIDN'T YOU JUST END THE SESSION IN 1ST PLACE?!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!
STOP THAT, ALREADY…!

...AND MANAGED TO TSUMO WITH A MANGAN, THEN...
...WASHIZU PUT TOGETHER A HAND...
IS BY SOME CHANCE...
I MEAN, JUST THINK ABOUT IT...

...THAT WOULD BE 4000 POINTS...
SINCE YOU'RE THE DEALER...

YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, AKAGI?!
THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL YOU, RIGHT THERE!
WHICH MEANS 400 CCS!

...PROBABLY WON'T BE ANY KIND OF PROBLEM, NOW...
THE NEXT ROUND ...
BUT, STILL ...
WASHIZU'S FLOW DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYTHING TO FEAR, RIGHT NOW...
WELL, TO BE FAIR...

HM HMM HMM ...
...TO TAKE ON THIS UNNECESSARY AMOUNT OF RISK, NOW!?
THERE IS NO REASON ...
...AND THIS IS A BATTLE!!
...WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING FOR SURE...

...THAT'S FAR TOO NAIVE...
...IT'S NOT THE RIGHT RESPOSE
... OHGI-SAN...
I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW, BUT...

HUH ....?
RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME WE NEED TO STRIKE!
TO WIN UNTIL OUR LUCK RUNS OUT!
TO WIN AND WIN...
THE TIME TO WIN...
SUCK THE ENEMY DRY OF HIS LIFE FORCE ...
...HIS MONEY!
TO WRING IT ALL OUT...!

UNTIL WE GET EVERY LAST BILL!
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UR GH ...!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ...?
WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!
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ざわ…

THE-RE'S NOTH-ING...
...WE CAN DO ...!
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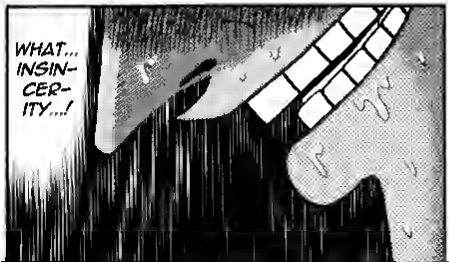
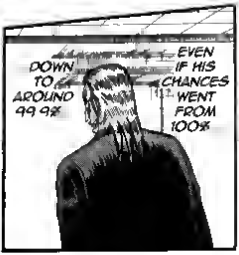
ハァ...!
IF THE DEALER WANTS TO CONTINUE THE ROUND...
...THEN THE ROUND MUST CON-TINUE...!
THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THAT FACT!

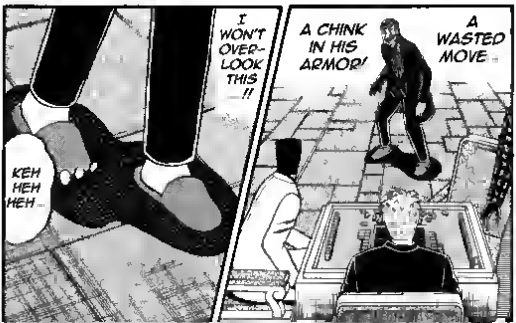
KHEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
...!

BEING ARROGANT, ARE WE...?





I'VE FINALLY SEIZED IT...!



I HAVE A CHANCE TO KILL HIM OFF!!
I CAN KILL HIM ...!
I'VE GRASPED THIS DEMON'S TAIL...!
THAT FIERCE DIETY ...!!
THAT INSOLENT MAN...!
THAT AKAGI ...!
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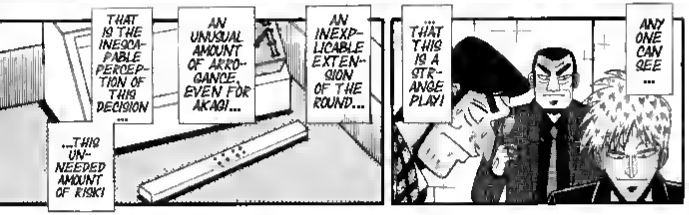
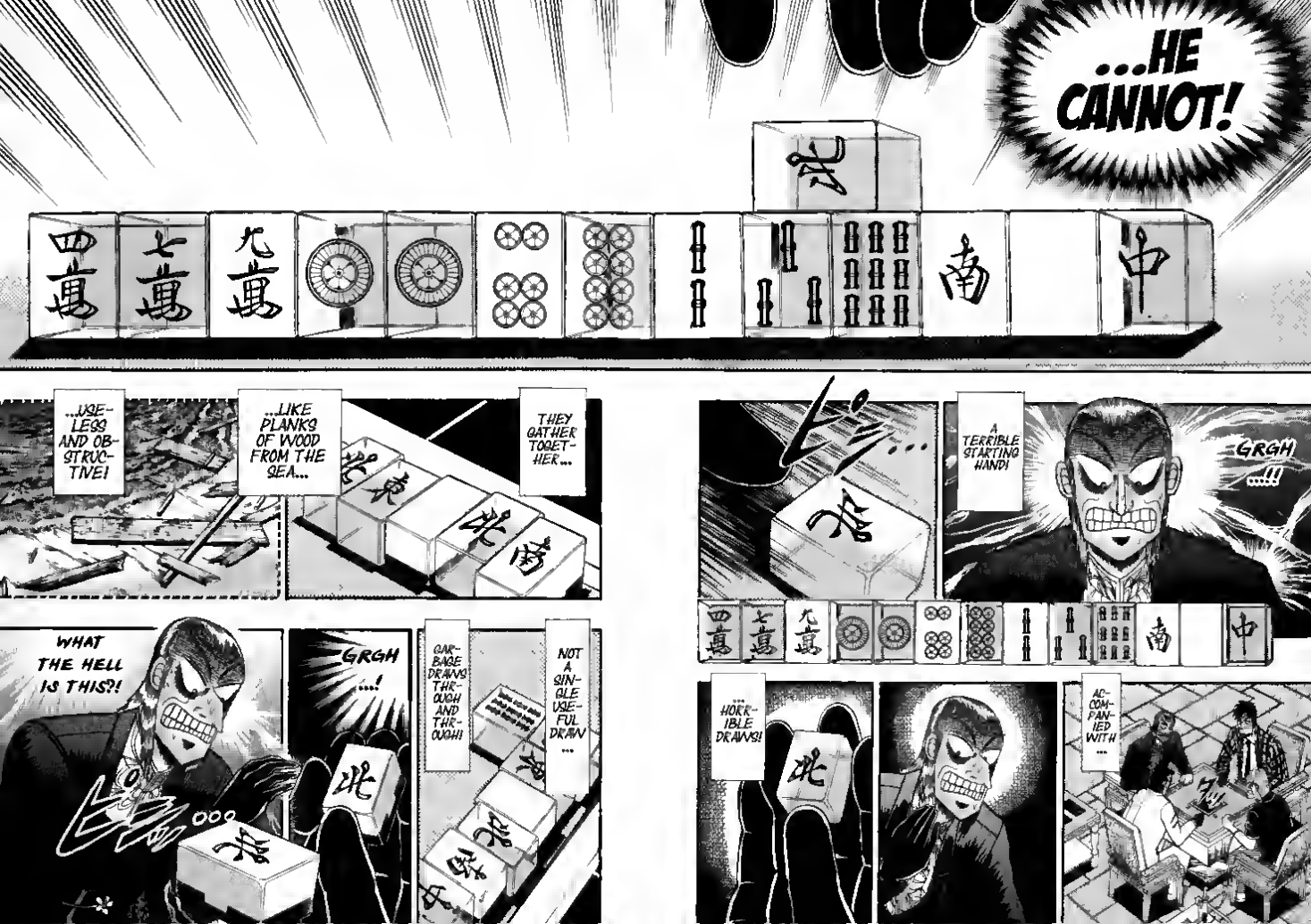
AND WITH THAT TINY CRACK IN HIS ARMOR
EVER SO SLIGHTLY STRAINED !!
...HAS BEEN COR-ROD-ED!
...HAS DECAYED!


THAT IS THE INEXCUSABLE PERCEPTION OF THIS DECISION...
AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF ARROGANCE, EVEN FOR AKAGI...
AN INEXPLICABLE EXTENSION OF THE ROUND...
...THIS UNNEEDED AMOUNT OF RISK!
...THAT THIS IS A STRANGE PLAY!
ANY ONE CAN SEE...

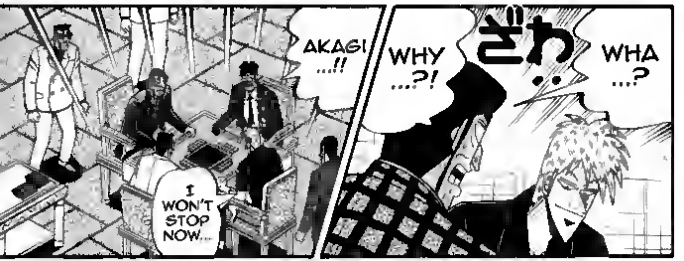
AND WASHIZU HOPES TO USE THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE!


...HE CANNOT!
...USE-LESS AND OB-STRUC-TIVE!
...LIKE PLANKS OF WOOD FROM THE SEA...
THEY GATHER TOGET-HER...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
GRGH ...!
GAR-BAGE DRAWS THR-OUGH AND THR-OUGH!
NOT A SIN-GLE USE-FUL DRAW ...
A TERRIBLE STARTING HAND!
GRGH ...!!
... HORR-IBLE DRAWS!
AC-COM-PANIED WITH ...

ALL I HAVE IS THIS, 8 TURNS IN!!
AND WHILE THIS IS GOING ON...
DAM-MIT...!!
DAM-MIT...!
AKAGI...
THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS...?
IT IS THE SAME AS HIS STARTING HAND!
IT HAS NOT CHANGED...!
...NOTHING SEEMS TO BE COMING!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DRAW...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...!

ITSUU, 1 DORA. 8000 POINTS.
RON!
GAH ...!!
WHEW ...
JUST LIKE THAT ...!
...REALLY HAD ME WORRIED FOR A MINUTE.
THIS UNNEEDED EXTRA HONBA
...BUT THERE WAS NOTHING TO IT!
NOW IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH!
YEAH ...
HM HMM HMM ...
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
YOU BROUGHT IT TO THE END ...!
YOU DID IT!!
ALL RIGHT!!
KGH...!

WE'RE GOING ON!
THE 2ND HONBA!


AKAGI ...!!
I WON'T STOP NOW...
WHY ...?!
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WHA ...?

...LIKE HE'S A DEAD DOG.
...HAS ABSO-LUTELY NO MOMEN-TUM OR ENERGY OF ANY KIND...
RIGHT NOW, WASHI-ZU...
...WE'RE STILL GOING ON!

SO WE'LL TAKE WHAT HE HAS ...
I WON'T STOP NOW THAT HE'S WOUNDED!
GR GH ....!

W... WASHIZU-SAMA ...!
HEH ...
KHAH HAH HAH ...!
?
?
KHEH HEH HEH ...

I CAN KILL HIM...!
I CAN KILL HIM...!
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I CAN KILL HIM...!

CHAPTER 134-
INSUBORDINATION
第134話 狂わ…
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Akagi-51,500 Points
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 345.5 Million Yen
Washizu: -1,200 Points
Remaining Funds: 254.5 Million Yen
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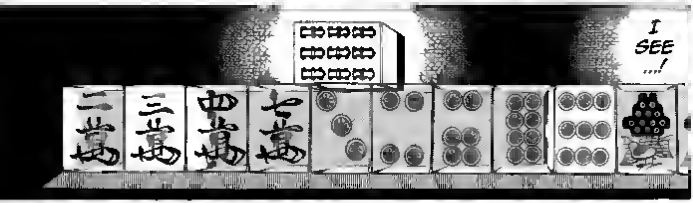
A BIZZARE CONTIN-UATION...!
A BIZZARE 5TH SESSION, AND A BIZZARE SOUTH 4TH ROUND, 2ND HONBA...!
A BIZZARE EXTENSION TO THE ROUND...!

HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE DARK-NESS...!

HE'S WELL-VERSED IN WHAT THE POWERS OF DARK ARE...!
RATHER, HE KNOWS QUITE ENOUGH...
NO...
NEVER-THELESS...
BUT...
AND THIS ACTION HAS SHOWN...
THAT IS A BIZZARRE ATTRIBUTE
HE IS NOT AFRAID OF THE DARK-NESS ...!
...AND YET HE DOES NOT FEAR !
THE DARKNESS IS HIS ENEMY
...HIS REBELLION AGAINST THE UNKNOWN...!

...TAKING ON THE RISK OF THIS EXTRA HONBA YET AGAIN...!
HE ARROGANTLY CHOOSES THE PATH OF INSUBORD-INATION...
THE HEAVENS SHALL NOT ALLOW THAT...!
HE HAS PUT ON THAT FACADE...!

...MAKE THEIR JUDGE-MENT!!
THEY WILL DEFINITE-LY...


I SEE ...!

HOW-EVER...
MY LUCK HAS BEEN CHAINED DOWN...!
AS I AM NOW, SHALL WE SAY...
I DO NOT HAVE ANY LUCK OR STRUC-TURE...!
AS I AM, NOW...

...BEING IN THE STATE HE IS NOW IS VERY DISAD-VANTAGE-OUS...
BE THAT AS IT MAY...

...HAVING NO FEAR...!

A MUCH MORE FUNDAMENTAL FEAR THAN THAT !
NOT SIMPLY FEAR OF COMPETING AGAINST ME
AND THAT IS
THAT IS...

OF FATE!
ALL OF A SUDDEN...
THAT SOME DAY, SOMEWHERE...
OF DEMONS!
AN IMPOSSIBLY UNLUCKY EVENT COULD TAKE PLACE...!

NOT FEARING THAT IS A TREMENDOUS HANDICAP!
YES...
ACCIDENTALLY!
THAT FEAR OF SUDDEN, FREAK ACCIDENTS...
...IN THIS WORLD...
IN REALITY, EVERYTHING THERE IS!
BAD LUCK!
OF UNEXPECTED...
...IS ALL CONTROLLED BY CHANCE!

NOT FEARING CHANCE IS TRULY FATAL!!
バラ…!
RON!

PINFU, II PEI KOU, 2 DORA.
URGH ...!
GRAH ...!
ざわ...
3RD HO-NBA.
LET'S GO.
ざわ...
ざわ
BUT WHY ...?
T/N: EVERY HONBA INCREASES THE WINNING HAND'S VALUE BY 300 POINTS.
GR GH ...!
12,000 POINTS... WITH 2 HONBA, THAT'S 12,600.

WHAT'S THE POINT ?!
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WHY IS HE STILL ADDING HONBA ?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM...?!
BUT STILL ...
WASHIZU'S HANDS HAVE CERTAINLY DECLINED IN QUALITY...
WELL, TO BE FAIR...
I CAN'T SEE ANY REASON FOR THIS ...!
ISN'T IT JUST POINT-LESS ...?!
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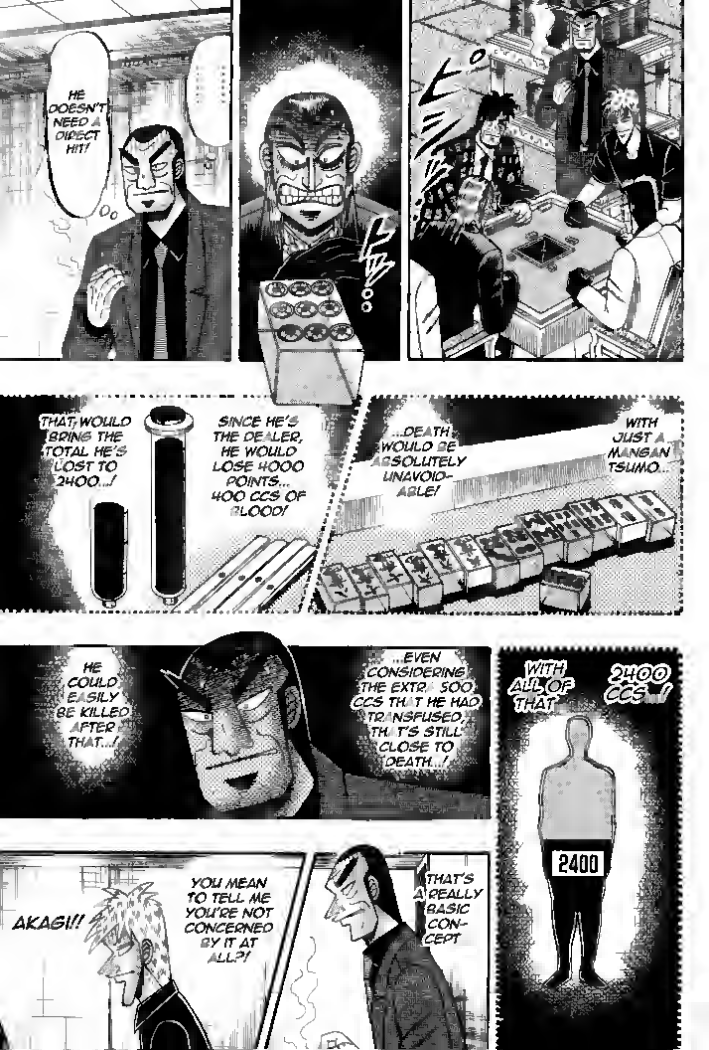
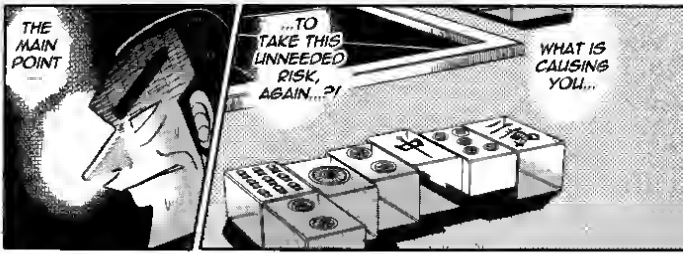
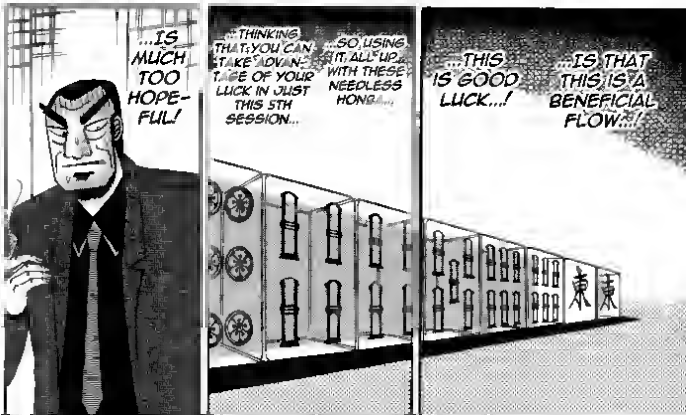
...ALL HE NEEDS IS A MANGAN TSUMO!


HE DOESN'T NEED A DIRECT HIT!
THAT WOULD BRING THE TOTAL HE'S LOST TO 2400...!
SINCE HE'S THE DEALER, HE WOULD LOSE 4000 POINTS... 400 CCS OF BLOOD!
...DEATH WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY UNAVOIDABLE!
WITH JUST A MANGAN TSUMO...
HE COULD EASILY BE KILLED AFTER THAT...!
...EVEN CONSIDERING THE EXTRA 500 CCS THAT HE HAD TRANSFUSED, IT'S STILL CLOSE TO DEATH...!
WITH ALL OF THAT
2400 CCS!
2400
AKAGI!!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU'RE NOT CONCERNED BY IT AT ALL?!
THAT'S A REALLY BASIC CONCEPT

...WITH THESE RIDICULOUS EXTRA HONBA...?!
WHY ARE YOU RISKING YOUR LIFE...
WHY ARE YOU LOSING CONTROL LIKE THIS...?!


THE MAIN POINT...
...TO TAKE THIS UNNEEDED RISK, AGAIN...?!
WHAT IS CAUSING YOU...


...IS MUCH TOO HOPE-FUL!
...THINKING THAT YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR LUCK IN JUST THIS 5TH SESSION...
...SO USING IT ALL UP WITH THESE NEEDLESS HONBA...
...THIS IS GOOD LUCK...!
...IS THAT THIS IS A BENEFICIAL FLOW...?!

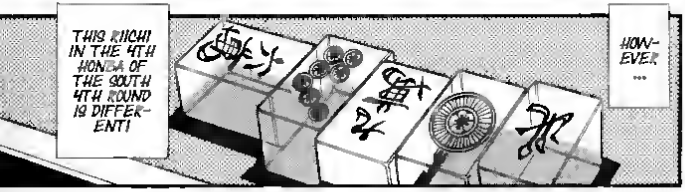
DON'T YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR LUCK GOING INTO THE 6TH SESSION?!
THERE'S STILL THE 6TH SESSION ...!
PON!
AS FAR AS LUCK GOES
WHETHER HE CAN HOLD ONTO IT OR IT CAN VANISH IN AN INSTANT...
WELL...
FOR ALL THIS ...
IT'S NOT REALLY EASY TO PREDICT IF AND WHEN IT WILL RUN OUT.

...AKAGI WAS FAVORED!
...CONTRARY TO THOSE PREDICTIONS...
...OHGI'S CONFUSION AND BEWILDERMENT...
IN THIS 3RD HONBA AS WELL!
...AKAGI SECURED A MANGAN WIN!
...BEREFT OF HARDSHIP...
WITH YAGUOKA DEALING IN...
TON, 3 DORA.
NOW.

THERE WAS NO NEED TO FORCE IT, OR HAVE ANY DOUBT!
AND SO...
...IT CONTINUED TO THE 4TH HONBA.
WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WAS STILL PUTTING THEIR HANDS TOGETHER...
...ON THE 5TH TURN...!
RIICHI!
A LIGHTNING FAST RIICHI!

ざわ...
HE TURNS HIS TILE TO THE SIDE!
CONSIDERING THAT HIS BLOOD COULD BE TAKEN IF HE DEALT IN...
TO NOW.
GR HM...!
AND YET...
THERE HAD BEEN VERY FEW AT ALL TO HERE!
...AKAGI WOULD AVOID CALLING RIICHI.
EVEN IF HIS DRAWS MADE HIS HAND QUICK...

IN OTHER WORDS, IF HE COULD RIICHI WITHOUT LEAVING THINGS TO CHANCE...
...HE WOULD CERTAINLY DO SO!
...IN THOSE SITUATIONS, AKAGI COULD CERTAINLY RIICHI.
...OR IF WASHIZU'S HAND WERE IN NO SHAPE TO WIN AT ALL...
...IF YAGUOKA COULD IMMEDIATELY DEAL IN...


THIS RIICHI IN THE 4TH HONBA OF THE SOUTH 4TH ROUND IS DIFFERENT!
HOWEVER...

AND WASHIZU'S HAND IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE!

YAGUOKA HAS NONE OF AKAGI'S WINNING TILES!

...HE CAN STILL STRIKE BACK AT AKAGI!
...HE WILL STILL BE ABLE TO COUNTER-ATTACK...
IF HIS HAND CONTINUES TO PROGRESS...

TO NOW, THIS WOULD BE AN IMPOSSIBLE PLAY!
IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE...
A RIICHI THAT IGNORES ALL THOSE FACTORS!
AKAGI'S HAND IS QUITE GOOD!
OF COURSE ...
THAT WAS NOT THE CONCERN!
IT WAS IN GOOD SHAPE!
A 5-SIDED WAIT FOR 1, 2, 4, 5, AND 7 YOU!

.....
THAT MUCH IS CLEAR!
IT WAS STILL VERY LIKELY TO WIN!
HOWEVER...
SO IN OTHER WORDS...
HE PROBABLY THINKS HE HAS A 99% SHOT AT IT...
...IT IS NOT A GUARANTEED WIN!
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
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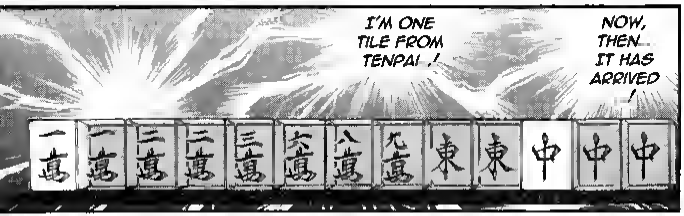
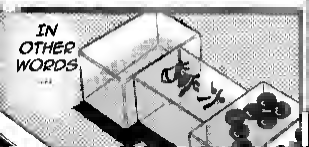
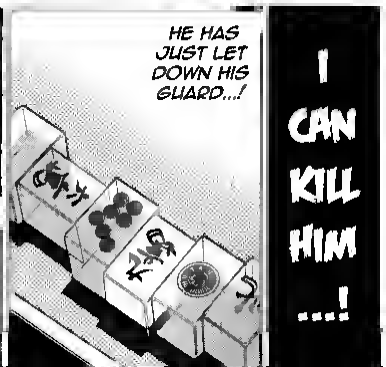
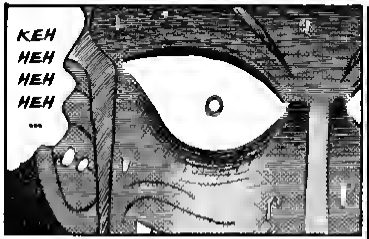
HE HAS RELAXED HIS GAME...!


I'M ONE TILE FROM TENPAI...!
NOW, THEN... IT HAS ARRIVED!

HE CAN NO LONGER DECIDE WHICH TILES HE WISHES TO DISCARD!


IN OTHER WORDS...


HE HAS JUST LET DOWN HIS GUARD...!
I CAN KILL HIM...!


KEH HEH HEH HEH...

NOW...

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AKAGI IS NO LONGER FEELING PRES-SURED...!

HE CAN DO NOTHING BUT WHAT HIS PUPPETEER, FATE, COMMANDS HIM TO DO
HE IS A PUPPET ...!

I'LL KILL HIM...!

NOW THAT HE'S A PUPPET, I WILL MAKE HIM DANCE!!
一萬
一萬
二萬
二萬
三萬
六萬
AKAGI V.15 FIN

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